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Rishi Sunak becomes Britain's first non-white Prime Minister

The 42-year-old former Chancellor of the Exchequer is of Indian descent; he vows to fix 'mistakes' committed by former PM Liz Truss; Labour Party leader tweets that he has 'no mandate and the British people have had no say'

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

In the hot seat: British PM Rishi Sunak outside No 10 Downing Street on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Tuesday was a historic day for the United Kingdom, which got its first-ever non-white Prime Minister in Rishi Sunak, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer and Britain's youngest Prime Minister in recent times.

Mr. Sunak, 42, is of Indian descent and was born to parents who migrated to Britain from East Africa. The former investment banker and hedge fund manager will have the daunting task of trying to get the British economy back on the rails while attempting to unite the Conservative Party, which has produced three Prime Ministers in under two months.

"Rishi Sunak becoming the first British Indian Prime Minister is an historic moment. This simply would not have been possible even a decade or two ago," Sunder Katwala, director of British Future, a think tank that works in the area of identity and race, wrote on Monday when Mr. Sunak became Prime Minister-designate.

"This will be a source of pride to many British Asians – including many who do not share Rishi Sunak's Conservative politics," he said.

Mr. Sunak is married to an Indian citizen, Akshata Murty, who is the daughter of Infosys founder N.R. Narayana Murthy, and they have two daughters. He was chosen by his fellow Conservative MPs to lead the party and country, following former Prime Minister Liz Truss's announcement last Thursday that she was resigning, having lost the support of her fellow MPs after a failed 'mini budget' that deeply rattled markets.

"Rishi Sunak has been crowned by Tory MPs. It's a coronation not an election," Angela Rayner, deputy leader of the Labour Party tweeted on Monday. "He has no mandate and the British people have had no say. #GeneralElectionNow," she said.

Standing outside No.10 Downing Street shortly after being appointed by King Charles III around noon on Tuesday, Mr. Sunak vowed to bring stability to a country beleaguered by a cost-of-living crisis and a lack of stable leadership.

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Five associates of key Coimbatore car blast suspect held

Wilson Thomas
COIMBATORE

The police late on Monday arrested five associates of Jameesha Mubin, 29, who was killed in an early-morning car blast in front of the Sangameswarar temple at Kottaimedu in Coimbatore on Sunday.

The police have invoked provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) against them and are investigating if Mubin and his associates had planned a larger act of sabotage and the explosives went off accidentally.

CCTV footage

Those arrested have been identified as Muhammad Thalha, 25; Muhammad Azharudheen, 23, of Ukkadam; Muhammad Riyas, 27; Firoz Ismail, 27; and Muhammad Nawaz Ismail, 27, from G.M. Nagar near Ukkadam. They were produced before the Second Judicial Magistrate Court, Coimbatore, for remand late on Tuesday. During investigation, the police came across a surveillance camera visual which showed Mubin and a few others taking out a heavy object wrapped in a white sack from the former's residence on H.M.P.R. Street in Kottaimedu around 11.30 p.m. on October 22. Those arrested included persons seen in the CCTV footage. The accused reportedly told the police that they were helping Mubin shift home.

According to Coimbatore City Police Commissioner V. Balakrishnan, Riyas, Firoz Ismail and Nawaz Ismail helped Mubin transport explosive materials.

Thalha is accused of arranging the car for Mubin which exploded in front of the temple around 4 a.m. on Sunday.

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In another CCI rap, Google fined ₹936 crore

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Tuesday imposed a penalty of ₹936.44 crore on Google for "abusing its dominant position with respect to its Play Store policies", in the second such penalty on the Internet giant within a week.

The CCI also issued a cease-and-desist order, and directed Google to modify its conduct within three months.

It directed the search giant to allow application developers to use any third-party billing services and set out a clear and transparent policy on data collected on its platform, use of such data by the platform and the potential and actual sharing of such data with app developers or other entities.

"Making access to the Play Store dependent on mandatory usage of GPBS [Google Play Billing System] for paid apps and in-app purchases is arbitrary," the CCI said.

'Largest app marketplace'

The regulator noted that Play Store is the largest app marketplace connecting app developers with users on the Android ecosystem, and Google's control over Play Store, the critical gateway between app developers and users, gives it the power to dictate terms to app developers, and compel them to mandatorily use its payment system.

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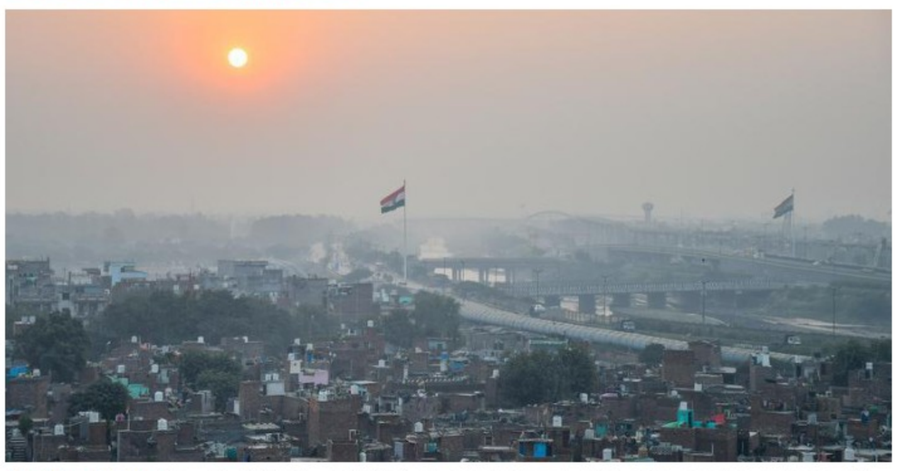

Hanging heavy: Air quality in Delhi was in the 'very poor' category on Tuesday morning as Deepavali revellers flouted the ban on firecrackers. But the Delhi government said the pollution was 30% less than last year's festival-day reading. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Bengaluru wakes up to coolest October morning in a decade

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Scientists say that the temperature dip is temporary and winter will only set in by January in the State. K. MURALI KUMAR

Amidst Deepavali festivities, the residents of Bengaluru woke up to a chilly morning on Tuesday as the mercury dropped to 15.4 degrees Celsius at many places.

According to data available on the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) website, this was the lowest minimum temperature recorded in Bengaluru in October in over a decade. The previous lowest temperature in October in the last 10 years was recorded in 2018 (16.6 degrees Celsius).

The temperature in the city, as well as in many parts of the State, had gone down in the last couple of days making people wonder if winter was setting in. However, scientists said that the temperature dip was only temporary and winter will only set in by January in the State. "First the Northeast monsoons should arrive. Those rains are expected to continue till December in the State. Only after that, will we see winter. This time winter will most likely last for only two months - January and February," said Prasad, scientist at IMD, Bengaluru.

He said that the recent dip in temperature was the aftereffect of cyclone Sitrang. "The cyclone was quite intense. It was first a low-pressure area and then converted into a cyclone. As it passed, it pulled away the moisture from the State and hence there are no clouds or rains. During the night time, long wave radiations go up from earth to the sky and when the skies are clear, it leads to something called as radiating cooling. This is why the temperature dips," Mr. Prasad explained.

There will be no rains in Bengaluru for the next two to three days, the weatherman said. On the fourth or fifth day, there might be light rains in some parts. In plains of the State, Chikkanahalli in Tumakuru district recorded the lowest minimum temperature of 12.6 degrees Celsius on Tuesday.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Adding new members to the ESIC-run social security scheme

14.62 In lakh, the number of new members who joined the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)-run social security scheme in August 2022. A new report released by the National Statistical Office showed that the gross new enrolments with ESIC rose to 1.49 crore in 2021-22, from 1.15 crore in 2020-21. PTI

Students secure their seats in UG courses at Delhi University

59,100 The number of students who have paid fees and secured admission in various undergraduate programmes in Delhi University, after the first round of seat allocation. October 25, was the last day for the payment of fees by those who accepted the University's allotment. PTI

Pakistan convinces Saudi Arabia to revive shelved refinery

12 In billion, the worth of the state-of-the-art deep conversion refinery and a petrochemical complex, the Pakistan government has persuaded Saudi Arabia to revive, a project that was shelved by the oil-rich Gulf Kingdom during the Imran Khan regime, according to a media report. The development comes ahead of the visit of a delegation from Saudi Arabia. PTI

Heavy flooding affects eight in 10 States in South Sudan

2 In million, the number of people affected by heavy flooding since the start of 2022, with many left in search of dry ground, according to South Sudan government. The country of 12 million people struggles with flooding as it continues to recover from five years of civil war and ongoing intercommunal violence. Eight out of the 10 States are currently flooded, the Information Minister said. AP

Migrants and refugees dying on migration journeys to Europe

29,000 The number of people who died on migration journeys to Europe since 2019, with 5,000 perishing in the last two years, the International Organisation for Migration said in a report. According to the Missing Migrants Project of the UN agency, the Central Mediterranean route is the deadliest. AP

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Ethiopia: its past and current challenges

How did the east African nation transition from a monarchy to its current makeup of a 'federated Ethiopia'? What has led to the multiple insurgencies in Tigray, the northern part of the country? How are China and India operating in the country?

WORLD INSIGHT

Murali N. Krishnaswamy

The first formal African Union-led peace talks between an Ethiopian government team and Tigray forces (since the war of 2020 with Tigray), in South Africa, scheduled from October 24, are happening at a time when Ethiopian forces and allies have made some gains in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region. For the rest of the world, the development spells some hope of reconciliation between the federal government and Tigray which was a prominent force in the country's ruling coalition until Ethiopia's current leader and Nobel Peace laureate (2019) Abiy Ahmed became the Prime Minister in 2018.

Nation in crisis: The Tigrayan community protests against the conflict between Ethiopia and Tigray rebels in Ethiopia's Tigray region on October 12. AP

THE GIST

The first formal African Union-led peace talks between an Ethiopian government team and Tigray forces (since the war of 2020 with Tigray), in South Africa have started from October 24.

The history of conflict in Ethiopia starts from the modern period from around the 1850s to the present. During this time, there was a mix of warfare and nation-building under the reigns of the emperors, notably Menelik and later Haile Selassie, to the regime of Mengistu Haile Mariam, and later the Transitional Government of Ethiopia (TGE) under soldier-politician Meles Zenawi beginning 1991.

While with the term of Abiy Ahmed, the long-drawn conflict over nearly 20 years may have ended, ethnic politics and economic hurdles have not stopped. In 2020, a year after Mr. Ahmed was awarded the Nobel Prize, Tigray in the north erupted in conflict against government forces, triggering charges of Ethiopia's gruesome human rights violations against Tigrayans.

Ethiopia's troubled history

The ethnic conflict, and several others preceding it, spotlight the rich, yet troubled history of Ethiopia which stands out in the African continent. From its origins in the Aksumite kingdom and a successor line of kings which eventually led to the 'Solomonic line', to a period of ethnic migrations marked by warfare, Ethiopia was an imperial state that gradually weakened over the course of the next two centuries with the emergence of regional and religious rivalries.

It is the next phase – what is called the modern period from around the 1850s to the present – that would help situate the conflict. Here, there was a mix of warfare and nation-building under the reigns of the emperors, notably Menelik and later Haile Selassie, to the regime of Mengistu Haile Mariam, and later the Transitional Government of Ethiopia (TGE) under soldier-politician Meles Zenawi beginning 1991. It was during the Menelik reign that Ethiopia grew in size, with his moment of glory being the defeat of an Italian invasion force that was attempting to colonise the country. The first Italo-Ethiopian war and the Battle of Adwa (1895-1896) was a watershed moment in continental history that marked the defeat of a colonial force. Menelik's astuteness enabled the Treaty of Addis Ababa (1896), where Italy recognised the country's absolute independence. Haile Selassie who became the emperor in 1930, ushered in a phase of modernity only to be impeded briefly by the next Italo-Ethiopian war (1935-36). Following his return from exile to Addis Ababa in 1941, he commenced military and political changes that were the catalyst for social and economic development. However, these changes triggered his unpopularity which resulted in the overthrow of the Ethiopian monarchy in 1974.

The Marxist dictatorship of Mengistu Haile Mariam that swept in resulted in the Derg unleashing a reign of terror, also known as the Ethiopian Red Terror. Agricultural productivity fell and famine followed. Even though dissent was snuffed out, the regime was up against armed insurgencies, especially in the northern part of the country, the embers of which were burning since the 1960s. A major insurgency followed in the 1970s – in Tigray, where the Meles Zenawi-led Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), rebelled against the military government and its policies. It was the backing of the then Soviet Union and allies that propped up both the armed forces and the Mengistu government, but this support began to dissipate in the 1980s, influencing the course of conflicts with the Eritreans and Tigray. Within a decade, by 1991, there was much change: a majority of Eritrea was in the hands of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), while in Ethiopia it was the TPLF. The TPLF was a key constituent of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) coalition. Following Mengistu's exile in Zimbabwe (1991), the EPLF, in May, proclaimed the formation of the Provisional Government of Eritrea (PGE), while the EPRDF assumed control in Addis Ababa (capital city of Ethiopia). It needs to be mentioned that Ethiopia and Eritrea would have to maintain good ties, mainly for economic reasons.

The formation of modern Ethiopia

The spectrum of political, economic, and security problems that confronted Meles Zenawi (Ethiopia) and Isaias Afwerki (Eritrea) paved the way for a strategy that essentially incorporated reconciliation and democratisation, social and economic development, and, importantly, ties with the western world.

The Tigray conflict has the potential to pinch Ethiopia hard with the freezing of western aid, but this could be overcome by looking to China and West Asia

In the interim government formation, the EPRDF chose political groups that led to the establishment of the TGE. There was an EPLF-EPRDF agreement over the use of the Aseb port linked to a referendum on Eritrean self-determination. The government was made up of the offices of the President, the Prime Minister, a multi-ethnic Council of Ministers and a Council of Representatives which was to draft a Constitution. Political representation saw the presence of the Oromos, the Tigrays and other groups. A significant aspect of the 'National Charter' was a recognition of ethnicity to enable local and regional governance under the umbrella of a 'federated Ethiopia'. It was a bridge to create a viable government and allow representation to ethnic groupings. As a part of administration, the TGE came up with autonomous regions (between 10 to 12) linked to ethnic identification, and two multi-ethnic cities, one of them being Addis Ababa. The largest ethnicities, namely the Amhara, Oromo, Somali, and Tigray, had their own regions. Each region had districts or weredas, resulting in several hundred weredas across Ethiopia. The central government oversaw defence, international diplomacy, economic policy, and monetary issues, while the weredas were concerned with legislative and judicial matters. Thus, the regions created were: Afar; Amhara; Benishangul-Gumuz; Gambella; Oromia; Sidama; Somali; South West Ethiopia Peoples' Region; Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region (SNNPR); Tigray, and Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa, the cities. A 2019 referendum in the Sidama region of SNNPR resulted in a Sidama region (2020), while a South West Ethiopia Region followed in 2021. The Zenawi administration initiated a market-oriented economy which saw the appearance of private participation.

Some of the issues the TGE confronted were the addressing of human rights records and rehabilitating a vast band of 'armed forces' and former military personnel which resulted in clashes between government forces, former soldiers and insurgent groups. There was a refugee issue too, of a south Sudanese presence in the western Ethiopian region.

Towards a resolution

In 2018, the world pinned its hopes on Abiy Ahmed who became the Prime Minister that year. His swearing-in was well attended and he was seen as having the potential to give new direction to the EPRDF coalition. The 'statement of motivation' of the Nobel Peace Prize conferred on Mr. Abiy is significant: "for his efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation, and in particular for his decisive initiative to resolve the border conflict with neighbouring Eritrea". The long-drawn conflict over nearly 20 years may have ended, but ethnic politics and overcoming economic hurdles are issues that the Nobel Laureate and Ethiopian reformist confronts, especially as in 2020, a year after being awarded the Nobel Prize, Tigray in the north erupted in conflict with government forces, triggering charges of Ethiopia's gruesome human rights violations against Tigrayans. A number of commentaries, one of them by Dr. M. Venkataraman, Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, University of Madras, highlight how ethnic tensions result from power play. The Tigrayans, trying to control the country, and who form about 6% of the population, consider Tigray to be the cradle of Ethiopian civilisation, and therefore the heirs of the culture. The Amhara, the country's second-largest group, have dominated Ethiopian politics. And the Oromo, the country's largest group, express discontentment over land issues.

Dealing with tensions with the Tigrayans following political changes in 2019, the formation of the Prosperity Party (the 'successor' countrywide party to the EPRDF; the TPLF did not to join), and, as a result, independent elections in Tigray, led Mr. Abiy to form an alliance with Eritrea and seek support from the Amhara, tapping into 'past grievances with the Tigrayans'. This has also led the U.S. to allege "ethnic cleansing", a charge that has been denied. The Tigray conflict has the potential to pinch Ethiopia hard with the freezing of western aid, but this could be overcome by looking to China and West Asia.

Foreign influence

Chinese presence is prominent in infrastructure creation such as buildings, roads and bridges and even in rail linking and creating port access. In contrast, the Indian presence, which strengthened during the Haile Selassie era, is seen more in human resources such as the education services. However, amidst the 'focus' on 'unity amidst 'diversity', the Abiy government once again confronts conflicts between the country's ethnic factions: Amhara and the Tigrayan conflicts over territory, Oromo groups and the brutality of militias against the Amhara. Also linked to the Tigrayan tensions is the mega hydroproject on the Blue Nile, the 6,450 MW Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, or GERD , which will be Africa's largest hydroelectric facility. It is a few hundred kilometres away from the Tigrayan border and upstream and east of the border with Sudan. There is a threat of regional disquiet with Sudan and Egypt which depend on the Nile and fear restrictions to water use. The conflict with Tigray worries the world as it could spill beyond the borders and ignite a crisis in north-east Africa. Thus, much rests on what happens in the South Africa talks.

TAC suggests increased testing in view of emerging sub-variants

'Current daily testing number in Bengaluru, which has always been the epicentre of COVID-19 in the State, has dropped to around 2,500 and this has to be increased to at least 10,000'

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

In the wake of some States reporting newer sub-variants of Omicron, Karnataka's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has recommended increased testing here as well. Some States have been reporting sub-variants such as BQ.1 and BA.2.3.20, apart from XBB, which is a recombinant of BA.2.75 and BJ.1.

The current daily testing number in Bengaluru, which has always been the epicentre of COVID-19 in the State, has dropped to around 2,500. This has to be increased to at least 10,000, the TAC has recommended.

The TAC that met last week following Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya's review meeting in Delhi on October 18 to review the COVID situation in the country has advised that the daily number of tests - that have now reduced drastically in the State - should be increased to 15,000. Of these, 10,000 should be conducted in Bengaluru and the remaining in the rest of Karnataka, the TAC has said.

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Zero cases

While the State has been reporting around 200 new cases daily (except on holidays and Sundays when the number of tests done are less than 3,000 and new cases are less than 100), at least 12 districts are reporting zero cases since September first week. The daily tests were around 15,000 till then.

Noting that the daily number of tests has reduced drastically since the first week of October, especially in Bengaluru, the TAC report stated: "The number of daily tests in the State capital have reduced from 10,249 (on October 1) to 2,731 (on October 18). However, simultaneously new cases are showing a marginal rise in recent days. From less than 100 new cases in BBMP areas till October 10, new cases have nearly doubled to 199 on October 18."

Hospitalisations, deaths

TAC Chairman M.K. Sudarshan told *The Hindu*, "Omicron is a Variant of Concern (VoC) and all its sub-variants too should be seen as VoCs. We will have to watch for an increase in the number of hospitalisations and number of deaths," he said.

"We have recommended increasing awareness through mass media and social media," he said. "We cannot disrupt the lives and livelihood of people. Hence, we are keeping a close watch on testing, daily caseload, hospitalisation and deaths," he added.

'Get tested'

C.N. Manjunath, member of the State's Clinical Experts' Committee, said it is better for those with symptoms to get tested to rule out COVID. "The emerging sub-variants are lineages of Omicron and not new variants. Although there is nothing to fear, those with fever, cough, cold, sore throat and breathing difficulty should compulsorily get tested and self-isolate themselves till the results are received," he said.

Sunak keen to rekindle Indo-British ties in new context, say entrepreneurs

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Tech Karnataka as well as the country's startup ecosystem has great expectations from Rishi Sunak, 42, the Indian-origin investment banker-turned-politician who became the British Prime Minister on Tuesday.

Several city entrepreneurs who met Mr. Sunak in London at the India Global Forum held earlier this year when he was the Chancellor of the Exchequer said he then seemed keen and committed to reconnecting and rekindling Indo-British ties in a new context of digital collaboration and entrepreneurial exchanges.

In a digital world

Prashant Prakash, a serial entrepreneur and also a partner at venture capital firm Accel, said: "His utmost keenness to take advantage of the digital economy and build collaborations with India's startup ecosystem to explore entrepreneurial advantages was apparent in his conversations." He seemed to have a sound grasp on the economic issues, he said.

Anil Shetty, city entrepreneur and politician, recalled the comments Mr. Sunak made on how politics in India has a lot of personal elements attached to it and therefore challenging. Politicians are increasingly required to interact with their electorate and attend to various issues including individual problems of people here, he had pointed out, whereas in other countries, including Britain, it is more professionally run and mostly policy-oriented. Mr. Shetty had met Mr. Sunak at a dinner hosted by Manoj Ladwa, a Londoner.

According to Sujeet Kumar, co-founder of Udaan.com, a B2B e-commerce platform, Mr. Sunak spoke about his humble background, modest beginning and how he used to help his family's medical store business after his school timing, at the India Global Forum. "He seemed very happy to be recognised by the British society, at the same time he was also proud to be part of India," said Mr. Kumar.

U.K. PM's dosa outing

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The newly elected British premier, Rishi Sunak, visited the city's famous eatery Vidyarthi Bhavan at Gandhi Bazar, Basavanagudi, to relish their signature dosa in 2019 when he was the Chief Secretary to the Treasury in the U.K.

His wife Akshath Murty, and her parents N.R. Narayana Murthy and Sudha Murthy, accompanied him to Vidyarthi Bhavan. On its Facebook page, Vidyarthi Bhavan posted a congratulatory message for Sunak. The celebrated dosa joint also put up a photo of Mr. Sunak sitting in the shop on a bench wearing off-white boxer shorts and sky blue T-shirt.

A file photo of Rishi Sunak at Vidyarthi Bhavan.

Cracker injuries: 19-year-old unlikely to regain vision

Patients being treated for firecracker injuries at Minto Hospital in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nearly 70 cases of cracker-related injuries have been reported in various hospitals during the Deepavali festivities starting Sunday. While one person, who was admitted to the State-run Minto Ophthalmic Hospital, is not likely to regain vision in one eye, nine others have suffered partial vision loss, doctors said.

Jayasurya, a 19-year-old resident of Mysuru Road, who injured himself while bursting a cracker on Monday, was rushed to Minto Hospital. Doctors, who examined him found that he had suffered a full thickness corneal tear with iris prolapse in his right eye and superficial skin burns. Hospital director Sujata B.L. Rathod said that there is no hope of him regaining vision.

Other cases

"Of the total 15 cases that are being treated at Minto, we have one person who has been severely injured but there are chances of him regaining vision. That apart, five have suffered partial vision loss and seven have mild loss. A 10-year-old boy from JP nagar, who was a bystander, has injured his eyes and also suffered superficial burns over eyelids and face and cheek. He has been admitted to the Mahabodhi Burns ward in Victoria Hospital," she said.

Narayana Nethralaya has received 18 0cases of cracker-related injuries this year while Sankara Eye Hospital got 13 and Nethradhama 20 cases.

While Padmabhushan Dr. M.C. Modi Charitable Eye Hospital got one case, Aster CMI has seen three patients.

Bystanders injured

K. Bhujang Shetty, chairman of Narayana Nethralaya, said four of the 18 cases seen at the hospital were severe injuries. Nearly 90% of the cases are bystanders, he added.

"These four, including three children aged below nine years, have suffered partial vision loss. The rest have mild injuries, like burns on the eyelid or corneal abrasions, which will not result in any permanent damage to the eye," he said.

"Except for one adult, who has been referred to us from Anantapur, all the cases that we saw this year are children aged below ten years. The main problem every year is that of children burning crackers without adult supervision. They have a tendency to bend over the crackers, or to repeatedly attempt to light malfunctioning firecrackers, which may suddenly burst and cause injuries," the doctor added.

Text & Context

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

Notice to the public is hereby given to the effect that the immovable property described herein, which has been taken symbolic possession thereof by the Authorized Officer on 12.07.2018 in pursuance of section 13(4) rule 8(6) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act rule 2002, will be sold by inviting Tenders from the public on the date, place and time mentioned in this notice, on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and on the terms and conditions mentioned below. Tenders in sealed covers are invited from the public for the purchase of Immovable property more fully described below.

Name and Addresses of the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagor:

1) Mr. G Manjunth S/o Govindappa Opp Girija Shankara Kalyana Mantapa Banu Prakash Layout, VIJAYAPURA Town, Devanahalli Tq.
2) R G Chidananda S/o R G Gurmurthy Lecturer, Govt Arts and Science First Grade College, Chitradurga.
3) K Sethumadhavaraju S/o Venkatamuniswamyraju K, No 50/36, 39th A Cross, 11th Main, Jayanagar 4th "T" Block, BENGALURU. 4) Shobha W/o G Manjunath, Opp Girija Shankara Kalyana Mantapa Banu Prakash Layout, VIJAYAPURA Town, Devanahalli Tq. 5) Ramanna S/o Govindappa, No 91, 1st Main Road, Hrushikesha Nagara, BSK 3rd Stage, Hosakerehalli, BENGALURU – 560085.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY 01:

Date of Auction: 26.11.2022 at 1 PM
Auction Place: Sri Seetharaghava Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bus Stand Road, HOSADURGA - 577527
Property Visit: From 01.11.2022 to 24.11.2022
Last day of Bid: 26.11.2022 before 12 PM
EMD Amount (Returnable): Rs 5,00,000.00 (Five Lakh Only)
Enhance of Bid in Multiple: Rs 1,00,000.00 (One Lakh Only)
Reserve Price: Rs. 84,00,000.00
A RCC Building Devanahalli Road 1st Division Vijayapura Town Devanahalli Tq, Bengaluru Rural Dist.
Bearing Muncipal Assessment No 134/Sl No 163/1/GISB56 Measuring Total E-W 60 feets N-S 43 feets Out of which 37X33 feets Building and bounded as follows
East: Block No 1 (Land of Muniveerappa) West: Block No 1 (Land of Pavithra S). North: Block No 1 – Road South: Sy.No 414 (Land of Seetharamappa)

Outstanding as upto 30.06.2017 Rs 56,44,022.00

(Note: Above amount is excluding Interest, penal Interest, postage, legal charges, advertisement charges and other charges to be levied from 01.07.2017 and Bank has already served Notice on 15.10.2022

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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY 02:

Date of Auction: 26.11.2022 at 1 PM
Auction Place: Sri Seetharaghava Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bus Stand Road, HOSADURGA - 577527
Property Visit: From 01.11.2022 to 24.11.2022
Last day of Bid: 26.11.2022 before 12 PM
EMD Amount (Returnable): Rs 5,00,000.00 (Five Lakh Only)
Enhance of Bid in Multiple: Rs 1,00,000.00 (One Lakh Only)
Reserve Price: Rs 54,00,000.00
One RCC House Building Situated at Vijayapura Town 1st Ward, 1st Division Devanahalli Road, Devanahalli Tq Bengaluru Rural District, Vijayapura Town Muncipal Bearing E Property No 32-502-10, Total Measuring towards East to West – 15.240030 Meters and Towards North to South – 24.384049 meters and Bounded by as follows
East: Road. West: Private Property. North: Road. South: Road
Outstanding as upto 30.07.2017 Rs 62,31,085.00
(Note: Above amount is excluding Interest, penal Interest, postage, legal charges, advertisement charges and Other charges to be levied from 01.07.2017 and Bank has already served Notice on 15.10.2022.

TERMS AND CONDITION OF SALE

1) Tenders in sealed covers super scribed as Tender for Property No 01 & Property No 02 Purchase A/c "SRI SEETHARAGHAVA SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA" should accompanied with the earnest money deposit of Rs 5,00,000.00 (Five Lakh Only) by way of cash Deposit or Demand Draft favoring the "SRI SEETHARAGHAVA SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA HOSDURGA" and the same shall be submitted to "Authorized Officer / General Manager, SRI SEETHARAGHAVA SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA, Bus Stand Road Hosadurga on or before 12.00 pm on 26.11.2022 duly mentioning the amount offered for purchase.
2) The Tenderer should also accompany with attested copy of the photo identity proof of the bidder, as may be acceptable to the bank, along with attested copy of PAN Card. The tenders received without earnest money will be summarily rejected. The DD's of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them on the date of auction itself and it will carry no interest.
3) The sealed tenders for sale will be opened by the authorized Officer of the bank in the presence of the tenders / bidders who will be present on 26.11.2022 at 12.00PM. The bid will be opened them and opportunity will be given to enhance the bid amount in the multiples of Rs 1,00,000.00 the Authorized officer is at Liberty to accept the highest bid amount and confirm the sale in favor of the highest bidder or rejects the same without assigning any reason.
4) Successful Tenderer / bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (Including the EMD Amount) within 24 hours on the sale being knocked down in his/her favor and the balance sale price as to be remitted within 30 days from the date of confirmation of the sale or any other date specified by the Authorized Officer.
5) The Successful Tenderer / bidder shall bear all the legal / incidental expenses like stamp duty, registration fees, local taxes and any other statutory dues, water and electrical dues, etc…
6) If the Successful Tenderer / bidder fails to remit the balance of 75% of the bid amount within 30 days from the date of confirmation of sale or any other date specified by the Authorized Officer, the amount deposited by him/her shall be forfeited and bank will be liberty to sell the property once again and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property.
7) Sale is on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" subject to confirmation by the secured creditors.
8) The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject all or any of the offers/tenders without assigning any reason or shall have the right to postpone or cancel the opening of the Tenders.
9) The Authorized Officer is holding only the symbolic possession of the property and is not having the physical possession of the Property thus the successful bidder will be handed over the property in "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".
10) The Authorized Officer reserves his right vary any of the terms and condition of this notice of sale without prior notice at his discretion.
11) As per the Income Tax Rules TDS at 1% of Auction price is payable by the auction purchaser or bidder as the purchase price could be more than Rs 50 Lakhs and the bank shall not take responsibility for the same.
12) For inspection of the property and verification of the copies of the document / title deeds available with the Secured creditors or any further details, the intending bidders or Tenderer may contact the Authorized Officer "SRI SEETHARAGHAVA SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA" Bus Stand Road Hosadurga. Ph No; 08199 230447 / 70222 76829 during the office hours on any working day.
13) The Property will be not sold below Reserve Price.
14) If the bidder is a company, at the time of bidding company representative should carry or attach valid documents like board resolution copy along with tender form.
15) After Successful auction and abide by the rules and regulations Authorized Officer of the bank as per Security Interest enforcement rules – 2002 rule 5 sale Certificate will be handed over to the Successful bidder.
16) The Authorized officer / The General Manager deserve right to auction Properties Individually or jointly (This Notice shall also serve has notice under Sub rule (6) of rule (8) of security interest enforcement rules – 2002 to the barrower / guarantors).

Place: Hosadurga
Date: 21-10-2022

Authorized Officer / General Manager
Sri Seetharaghava Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamitha

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Mr.Sunder.C** aged about 75 years, C/o Chinnathai. Residing at No.28/B, Near Al Ameen School, Devarjeevanahalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560045, is the absolute owner of the Property bearing Katha No.1351/368/181, previously at Devarjeevanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, BNTQ, presently katha.No.93-1351/368/181, Doddanna Nagar, Devarjeevanahalli, Bangalore, Know coming under BBMP New Word No.47, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq feet, along with 10 Square RCC House, and bounded on : **East by : Private Property, West by : Temple Property, North by : Road, South by : Private Property,** the same has been purchased through a sale deed.
My client has lost the original sale agreement deed dated 11.03.2020 document No.06506/2019-20,CD No.KCHD560, registered in the office of the sub-registrar Kacharakanahalli Bangalore, and Cancellation of Sale Agreement deed dated 24.12.2020. document no. 06639/2020-21.in CD No.BYPD767 registered in the office of the sub registrar Byatarayanapura, Bangalore,
Any transaction held in respect of the said property without the knowledge of my client shall be void and my client shall not hold any responsibility over transaction held in respect the said property.
If any of the general public has found the said documents shall be handed over the same within **15 days** from the date of publication to the below mentioned address.

Mr. Dayananda.G.M,
Advocates and Legal consultants,
KAR 2472/2003, No. 49, 1st Floor,
Opp. 12th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road,
Bangalore-560 002. M : +91 9900577458

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Sri.Manja Naik K.D., S/o Dakya Naik, aged major & Smt.Nithya N.K., W/o Sri.Manja Naik K.D., aged major, both are residing at: No.543, 3rd Block, 14th Cross, Begur Road, Vishwapriya Layout, Bengaluru-560068, are intending to purchase the Schedule Property from Sri. K.S.Madhusudhan, S/o Sri.K.U. Sathyanarayana and Smt. Manjula Madhusudhan, W/o Sri.K.S.Madhusudhan, both are R/at No.21/22, New No.51,52,53, Sri Hayagreeva Krupe, S.R.Srinivasulu Building, 10th Cross, Sarakki, J.P.Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560078. Any interested person/s having any manner of right or title or interest or claim or objection or however otherwise, may file his / her/ their objections or claims in writing to the below mentioned address with relevant documents in support of his / her /their claim or objection within 7 days from the date of this public notice, failing which my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property treating that there are no claims over the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing House List No.48, Katha No.138/1, B.B.M.P.Kath No.314/311/310/18/48, situated at Nayanappanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently with the Jurisdiction of B.B.M.P., Bengaluru, measuring East to West 45 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring to an extent of 1350 square feet together with a residential building thereon & bounded on:
East by : Private Property.
West by : Road.
North by : Property House List No.49.
South by: Property House List No.47.

Lokesha.G, Advocate,
No. 235, 8th Main, Byrasandra,
Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011
Mob: 9844146069

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my clients **Mr. Santhosh R.,** S/o. Mr. R. Ramaswamy and **Mrs. Pooja H.V.,** W/o. Mr. Santhosh R. are intending to purchase the below-mentioned Schedule Property from its Owner **Smt. Shivarani B., W/o. Mr. Basavaraj,** who has represented to my clients that, she is the absolute owner of Site No.1, presently BBMP Khata No.21/2, Khata No.216/21/2/21/1, formed in Sy.No.21 (more fully described hereunder and hereinafter as Schedule Property), having an unrestricted right of alienation over the same. The owner has further represented to my clients that the Schedule Property is free from all kinds of encumbrances, charges, liens, litigations, and/or any third-party rights/claims of any nature whatsoever.
If anybody is having any objection, claim, interest, or dispute for the above-intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned in writing with all details and documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/ claims/ details of dispute/s within Seven (7) days from the date of this notice, failing which, it shall be deemed that the said owner has clear and marketable title over the Schedule Property and that none else have any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property and my clients would be at liberty to proceed to enter into and complete the intended sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims/ objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property. Any objections/claims/disputes received after the expiry of the above-mentioned period shall neither be entertained nor be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.1, presently BBMP Khata No.21/2, Khata No.216/21/2/21/1, formed in Sy.No.21, which was duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural/residential purposes vide its Order No.ALN(S)SR(K)/13/2012-13, dt.22.05.2012, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bengaluru, situated at Pattanagere Village, KengeriHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of BBMP, BBMP Ward No.198-Hemmigepura, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq. feet and bounded on the; East by : Site No.2, West by : Road, North by : Road and South by : Site No.12.

Sd/-
Shachi Joshi, Advocate
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ABSTRACT

Steady decision: Umpire Billy Bowden gives an out to Paul Collingwood of England off the bowling of Paul Harris of South Africa in 2008 in London. GETTY IMAGES

Does the presence of neutral umpires mitigate bias in cricket?

A new study is using the premise of cricket umpiring to show how the presence of peers influences in-group bias. However, it has called for additional research into understanding why peers reduce bias in some contexts but aggravate bias in others

Reuben Joe Joseph

A. Nilesh Fernando and Siddharth Eapen George, *Out of Sight, Out of Mind? The Effect of Peer Evaluators on In-Group Bias* (2022), University of Notre Dame and National University of Singapore (working paper).

In 1986, Imran Khan, captain of the Pakistan cricket team, invited Indian umpires V. K. Ramaswamy and Piloo Reporter to officiate Pakistan's match against the West Indies in Lahore. It was the first time that neutral umpires stood in a Test match, prior to which only umpires of the hosting nation officiated matches. It was an era when home teams – Pakistan, more so – were often criticised of benefiting from the bias of these home umpires. Khan would later speak of the resistance from cricket traditionalists for introducing the idea of neutral umpires. And after years of toying with the idea, the International Cricket Council (ICC) relented and began appointing one neutral umpire per Test on a trial basis from 1992. In 1994, the practice was institutionalised for all Tests, and in 2002, the world body made it made it mandatory for both on-field umpires to be from neutral countries.

This continued until 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and the ICC reverted to the home-umpire model to reduce the logistical strain in the attempts to restart international cricket. While there were no controversies since the home umpires took charge, former players like Sunil Gavaskar called for neutrals to be reinstated so as to leave no room for the perceived bias toward the hosts. And so, in April 2022, the ICC announced that with the relaxation of COVID-19 protocols, there would be one neutral umpire per Test from May, beginning with the Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka Test series. The move has reignited a debate on whether nationality-neutral umpires are necessary in cricket with improvement in umpiring standards and the advancement of technology such as the Decision Review System.

The necessity for neutral umpires

Now, a working research paper by two economics professors posits that the presence of one neutral umpire significantly reduces the bias towards a home team. The premise of cricket umpiring was used to study how the presence of peers influences in-group bias. The researchers found that panels with a neutral umpire award 14% more discretionary decisions against the home team and 23% fewer discretionary decisions against the foreign team. A discretionary decision, for the purpose of the study, is one that is more directly affected by umpiring bias, like an lbw, a run-out or a catch by the wicketkeeper.

Having scraped through the data of international matches from 1877 to 2011, the authors studied the behaviour of home and neutral umpires involving 1,09,996 decisions in 3,891 matches, both ODIs (One day International) and Tests. The findings show that despite the introduction of TV umpires and match referees to reduce bias of on-field umpires, the presence of a neutral standing umpire still had a more significant de-biasing impact on home umpires.

Neutrals do not monitor or evaluate their home colleagues and both umpires usually have a collegial relationship. "Nevertheless, neutral umpires may exert social pressure on home umpire colleagues to be impartial, as they stand on the field in the direct line-of-sight of the home umpire," the study notes. "Overall, the introduction of neutral umpires reduced in-group bias by about 0.19 standard deviations, a slightly smaller effect than related interventions in other settings. This reduction in bias affected match outcomes: neutral umpires made matches more competitive and increased foreign teams' odds of winning under favourable conditions."

The de-biasing effect

However, it was also noted that the de-biasing effect was temporary. Home umpires who work with a neutral colleague are significantly less biased during that match, but their behaviour in subsequent matches, even those held just a few days later, is unaffected. The authors discuss the reasons for the de-biasing effect, noting that it could be due to factors such as less crowd pressure on home umpires when working with a neutral, and the home umpires valuing their colleague's approval. The neutral's presence serves as a visual reminder for the home umpire to be impartial.

There was another issue, though. The working paper finds that policies that succeed in mitigating bias along one dimension, such as nationality, may inadvertently increase disparities along other dimensions, such as race. "Because most elite umpires are white, the neutral umpire mandates often led to home country umpires being replaced by white neutral umpires. White-majority teams became significantly more likely to have an umpire of their own race, and this softened the impact of neutral umpires on white home teams," the study points out. White umpires officiated 76% of matches, while only 52% of matches featured a white-majority team.

Takeaways from the study

The findings have implications for the design of bias-mitigation policies. By studying how the presence of peers affect in-group bias among professional evaluators, it was concluded that removing all conflicted evaluators may be unnecessary, especially when there is a shortage of requisite expertise. The authors call for further research to understand why peers reduce bias in some contexts but aggravate bias in others.

As for the ongoing debate on the neutral-umpire model, the ICC noticed that the performance of home umpires between July 2020 and February 2022 was "strong and had not affected games". So, while T20s and ODIs will continue to have only home umpires for the 2022-23 period, the ICC wants to "utilise" more neutral umpires in Tests. The mandate for this period is that the on-field umpire, match referee and the third umpire for a Test match must be neutral, while the second umpire and fourth umpire can be from the hosting nation.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Sir, is there any difference between 'without doubt' and 'no doubt', sir?"

" 'Without doubt, he is a fool' means that you don't have any doubt whatsoever that he is a fool.

Without doubt, he is a liar. 'No doubt he is a fool' means that you probably think that he is a fool. There is greater certainty in 'without doubt'."

"What's the meaning of 'Learning English isn't a breeze for me', sir?"

"It means that learning English isn't easy for the person concerned. Colloquially 'breeze' means 'something easy to achieve, handle'.

Don't worry. The chemistry examination will be a breeze for you.

Bowling wasn't a breeze for him this time.

Again when used in informal contexts, it also means 'a slight disturbance or quarrel'.

There was a breeze when he called the speaker a communist.

There was a breeze when a policeman entered the hall."

"What is the meaning of 'You must keep him in good humour', sir?"

"It does not mean that you must tell him a lot of jokes, though it may be one way of keeping a person in good humour. The word 'humour' is most often used in the sense of 'capacity to cause or feel amusement'.

He has a fine sense of humour, but she has a delightful sense of humour.

The novel is full of humour.

'Humour' has other meanings also. One of them is 'state of mind, mood, inclination, temper.' Good humour means 'cheerful mood, happy state of mind'. 'You must keep him in good humour' means that you must keep him cheerful.

When I went to see him, he was in good humour.

He took the joke against him in good humour.

When one is moody, you say that the person is out of humour.

Don't go to him now. He is out of humour.

'Out of humour' means 'displeased, vexed, out of sorts'. The following dialogue will make the difference clear.

"Are you cross with me for not taking you to the movie?"

"No. But I am not happy either."

"So you are out of humour. I am awfully sorry."

"You don't have to feel sorry. After all, it is my duty to keep you in good humour and is never the other way round!"

"Well, I must let you go now. Otherwise you may not leave in good humour. So goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Park Chung-hee, former President of South Korea was assassinated on October 26, 1979. Here is a quiz on famous political assassinations

QUESTION 1

He was a politician and military officer who was the president of his country from 1990 until his death recently. Identify the politician.

QUESTION 2

He was the king of his country, until his assassination. According to reports, he and his family were gunned down at a royal dinner. After the massacre, his son was crowned the next king, but since he was in a coma, and died three days later, the king's brother was crowned the next king. Identify the king who was assassinated.

QUESTION 3

He was the Prime Minister of his country until his assassination, by a right-wing extremist who opposed the signing of an agreement that marked the start of a peace process. The square where the PM was assassinated was renamed after him. Identify the PM and the name of the agreement signed.

QUESTION 4

He served as the President of his country until his assassination. The last months of his presidency were marked by an internal uprising. He was assassinated during the annual victory parade held to celebrate his country's crossing of the Suez Canal. Identify the leader and the name of the operation.

QUESTION 5

He served as the Prime Minister of his country until his assassination. Frequently a critic of Soviet and American foreign policy, he expressed his resistance to imperialist ambitions and authoritarian regimes. Identify the leader.

Identify this man, charged for arguably one of the most famous assassinations in political history. Whom did he kill?

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the October 24 edition of the daily quiz: 1. The city considered the birthplace of the UN Charter. **Ans: San Francisco; The name UN was coined by Franklin D. Roosevelt**
2. The six official languages of the UN. **Ans: Chinese, English, French, Arabic, Russian, and Spanish**
3. The link between Geneva, Vienna, and Nairobi. **Ans: The UN has regional offices in these cities**
4. In this UN organ, all member States have equal representation. **Ans: General Assembly**
5. The only Secretary-General from the Americas. **Ans: Javier Pèrez de Cuèllar (Peru)**
6. This event commences on the Tuesday of the third week in September. **Ans: Regular session of the General Assembly**
7. The five permanent members of the Security Council. **Ans: China, France, Russia, the U.K., and U.S.**
8. This poet wrote 'Hymn to the United Nations'. **Ans: W.H. Auden**
Visual: The name of this former Secretary-General and the significance of the cheque he is holding. **Ans: This Secretary-General Trygve Lie and the cheque he's holding was gifted by John D. Rockefeller for the purchase of the site in NYC for building the UN headquarters**

Early Birds: Madhurima K. V. S| Ashwini Kumar Singh| Vivek Brahmane| Dev Ishaan Agarwal| Shreya Bhadra

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Word of the day

Mellifluous
pleasing to the ear

Synonyms: sweet, honeyed, dulcet

Usage: *Her mellifluous voice carries a lot of depth.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/mellifluouspro

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Solar eclipse: Enthusiasts throng rooftops while many choose to stay indoors

The partial eclipse, the last one for 2022, began at 5.12 p.m. and ended at 5.55 p.m.; to break the myth that it is unsafe to eat during eclipse, food was served on IIA and CREST campuses

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A partial solar eclipse seen from a hilllock off Kanakapura Road in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The partial solar eclipse was visible in Bengaluru on Tuesday with many observing the phenomenon from their rooftops. The partial solar eclipse, the last one for 2022 began at 5.12 p.m. and ended at 5.55 p.m. when the sun set. In Bengaluru, the percentage of the eclipse was 10% and the maximum eclipse occurred at 5.49 p.m. Though the eclipse ended at 6.27 p.m., it was not visible after sunset, said an astrophysicist.

While the city's streets wore a deserted look with residents preferring to stay indoors and most temples closed during the eclipse deferring to religious beliefs, science enthusiasts and anti-superstition activists busted myths around the eclipse.

Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) and Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium livestreamed the partial solar eclipse from Hanle, Ladakh on their YouTube channels with professional astronomers addressing queries from the public. The astronomers also dispelled the myths surrounding the eclipse and also explained the scientific importance of such events.

To break the myth that it is unsafe to eat during the eclipse, food and refreshments were served on the IIA and Centre for Research and Education in Science and Technology (CREST) campuses in Hoskote.

Activists of the Anti-Superstition Federation gathered on the steps of Town Hall in the city and distributed various foods, including sweets for passers-by creating awareness against superstitions surrounding the eclipse. However, several temples opened up only after the eclipse was over, after a complete cleaning of the temple premises.

There was a lot of curiosity among the public as the eclipse occurred during Deepavali. However, R.C. Kapoor, former professor, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, said that it is not uncommon for an eclipse to occur during Deepavali.

"Solar eclipses do concur with the festival of lights in India. An eclipse occurred on 17 October, 1762, and that also happened to be the day of Deepavali. There was a total solar eclipse on October 24, 1995, that happened on the day of the festival of lights and the path of totality passed over India at a favourable time of the day," Prof. Kapoor said.

According to Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, the obscuration of solar disc in Bengaluru was 10.09%, at Mysuru it was 9.16%, at Bellary it was 14.82%, at Agumbe it was 12.11%.

The next solar eclipse will be visible from India on August 2, 2027.

Government nurseries to come up at Lalbagh Garden and Cubbon Park

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Horticulture Department will soon set up its own nurseries in Lalbagh Botanical Garden and Cubbon Park on a no-profit-no-loss basis. According to senior officials in the Horticulture Department, the nursery in Cubbon Park is already propagating a few varieties and will soon open its door to the public to buy saplings from.

"We propagate a lot of things and we had not opened any nurseries at these two places. So, last year we took a decision that we will produce the new varieties of exotic plants and decorative plants locally and to spread the culture in the city so that people can buy them. We are not here to make profit, but promote horticulture activities. The department plans to run it on a small margin to run the activities," Rajender Kumar Kataria, Principal Secretary, Horticulture Department, told *The Hindu*.

This comes in the backdrop of the department recently ending the land lease of Mysore Horticulture Society (MHS) (70 cents) and The Nurserymen Cooperative Society (NCS) (1.65 acres) inside Lalbagh. The move has attracted a lot of flak for ousting two of the oldest horticulture societies from the green space. However, the department officials said that this was not a sudden decision and it included a lot of discussions.

"This is a thoughtful decision and it had been in discussion for years. These societies were started back then with good intentions as there were very few nurseries. But now, there are hundreds of private nurseries out there and why only a few should have the privilege to continue to conduct activities on a government property for a negligible amount of money? This decision was taken to not allow any private entities on the public property," said Mr. Kataria.

He added that it was discovered that the societies were charging higher rates than other nurseries and had also taken 4G exemptions under the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements (KTPP) Act for which they were not eligible. He also said that there was a confusion among the public that these societies were run by the government.

Another official said that while the NCS's lease ended in 2020, the MHS's recent lease of ₹25,000 which was renewed in 2016, also ceased in 2021. The MHS is shocked by the decision, according to its members.

MHS not part of flower show

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The officials of the Horticulture Department said that Mysore Horticulture Society (MHS) will no longer be included in the organisation of the annual flower shows as funds released for the same were allegedly being misused by the society. They said that despite the department officers taking up majority of the work for the shows, the credits went to the MHS. The MHS members denied these allegations.

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Tension in Shivamogga after cases of assault, murder

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Tension prevailed in Shivamogga city following two isolated incidents of assault on a Hindutva activist and a murder of a private hospital employee on Monday night. The incidents forced the district police to deploy policemen in sensitive areas and set up checkposts to avoid any untoward incidents in the city. In all, six people were arrested in connection with the cases.

Woman dies after drinking contaminated water

The Hindu Bureau
YADGIR

Ninety-year-old Eramma Hiremath from Hotapeth village in Shahapur taluk died due to severe diarrhoea and vomiting after consuming contaminated water.

Villagers are attributing two more deaths to consumption of contaminated water.

And, 39 people, including 10 children, have been admitted to the taluk and private paediatric hospitals for treatment of diarrhoea and vomiting. Their condition is stated to be stable.

Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26		
RISE	06:12	SET 17:56
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RISE	06:12	SET 17:55
RISE	07:47	SET 19:32
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RISE	08:49	SET 20:26

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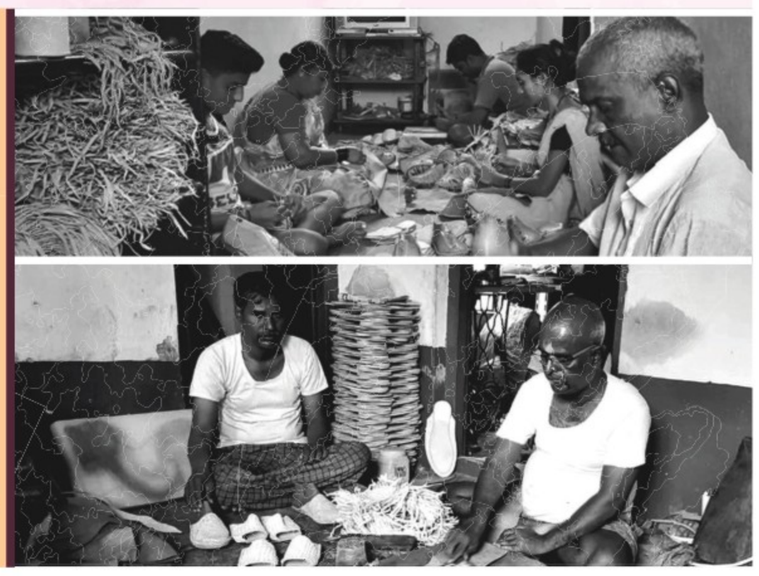

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INBRIEF

Siddaramaiah meets Kharge ahead of swearing-in event

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Siddaramaiah met AICC president-elect M. Mallikarjun Kharge in New Delhi on Tuesday, on the eve of the latter being sworn in to the post. He is in Delhi to attend the swearing-in ceremony. Speaking to reporters, Mr. Siddaramaiah said that Karnataka's recent decision to increase quota for Scheduled Castes and Tribes should be included in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution to give it immunity from being challenged in court, failing which it will be a meaningless exercise.

K. Naganna Gowda is new chairman of child rights panel

After facing flak for delay, the Karnataka government has finally appointed K. Naganna Gowda, hailing from Mandya, as the new chairperson of Karnataka State Commission for Child Rights (KSCPCR) for a term of three years. However, the appointment of members of KSCPCR is still pending. The post of KSCPCR chairman has been vacant since December 2021, after the end of Antony Sebastian's term. All six member posts are vacant since July 2022.

Shivakumar likens Rahul's people connect to that of Indira Gandhi

KPCC chief says the Congress leader's Karnataka leg of Bharat Jodo Yatra was reminiscent of Indira Gandhi's days when people came from far off places to get a glimpse of her

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The big crowds that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra attracted in Karnataka was reminiscent of his grandmother and former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi drawing people wherever she went, said Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar.

"People came from hundreds of kilometers to see Mr. Gandhi just like they came to see his grandmother Indira Gandhi. Even children came along with their parents covering hundreds of kilometers just to see him," Mr. Shivakumar told a press conference in Bengaluru on Tuesday, giving an overview of the yatra in Karnataka.

"What we saw in the Karnataka leg of the yatra was showering of love and affection of people of all ages on Mr. Gandhi," Mr. Shivakumar said, adding that the yatra had turned out to be a grand success due to the cooperation of the people of the State.

A file photo of the Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in Mandya.

"Mr. Gandhi's yatra was purely intended at reaching out to the common people. He is the only leader in the country who has gone to the common people to hear their grievances first-hand," Mr. Shivakumar maintained, while pointing out that Mr. Gandhi had interacted with thousands of people during the course of the yatra in Karnataka.

He described the yatra as a campaign that had the potential to change the direction of the country's politics.

Basis for manifesto

Mr. Shivakumar said the interaction that Mr. Gandhi had with people from different cross-sections of people would serve as a basis for the preparation of the party's poll manifesto.

He said the Congress was planning to continue the yatra further in the State at the district-level by involving the State leaders. Mr. Gandhi himself held a preliminary meeting in this regard. As part of the plan, the party wanted to hold photography exhibitions related to the yatra at different districts and a committee had been formed to decide the nature of the district-level yatra, he said.

KEA to conduct engineering, medical course counselling simultaneously

The seat allotment for engineering and other professional courses will be announced on Friday. FILE PHOTO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) will announce the final seat allotment for Engineering and Farm Sciences (agriculture, veterinary etc.,) courses for the academic year of 2022-23 on October 28, alongside holding the first round of counselling for UG-NEET.

The seat allotment for engineering and other professional courses will be announced on Friday, after 2 p.m., and October 30 is the last date for making the first choice. November 2 is the last date for fee payment and admission ticket download. November 3 is the last date for admission of choice-1 candidates.

Schedule

Meanwhile, UG-NEET counselling is also under way and Tuesday was the last date for applications. KEA is waiting for the UG medical seat matrix for State quota. KEA will conduct online document verification for these candidates from October 27 to November 3.

KEA usually conducts medical courses counselling first, followed by engineering courses counselling. However, due to the COVID pandemic, the National Testing Agency (NTA) delayed the conduct of NEET exams last year and announced NEET-2021 results in October 2021, which led to delay in counselling for medical courses, leading to much confusion.

To avoid complications this year, KEA has decided to conduct CET and NEET counselling simultaneously this year.

Lesson learnt

Speaking to *The Hindu*, S. Ramya, Executive Director for KEA, said: "We learnt our lesson from last year. This year, most of the UG-CET and UG-NEET counselling processes are in the final stage and the medical courses seat matrix will come soon. Therefore, we will conduct the UGCET and UG-NEET counselling simultaneously this year. The first round of the CET counselling for engineering courses will be held at first. Immediately after, we will start the UG-NEET counselling. After the first round of the UG-NEET counselling, we will complete the second and third round of the engineering counselling."

Reservation hike: All eyes on apex court ruling on quota for Economically Weaker Sections

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the Ordinance promulgated by Governor Thawaarchand Gehlot increasing the reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Karnataka, all eyes are now on the Supreme Court judgment on reservation to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) brought in by the Central government.

The Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and Appointment or Posts in the Services Under the State) Ordinance, 2022, has taken the total reservation quota in the State to 56%. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court is expected to deliver in November its judgment pertaining to 10% reservation to EWS, which has taken the Central reservation quota beyond 50%. In the 1992 Indra Sawhney case, the Supreme Court capped the reservation to 50%.

'If SC sticks to the 50% reservation cap, its judgment could have an impact on the State's new law unless included in the 9th Schedule'

"If SC sticks to the 50% reservation cap, its judgment could have an impact on the new law unless the State government pushes the law to the 9th Schedule of the Constitution," said a senior official.

Through the Ordinance, the State government has hiked the reservation quota for SCs to 17% from 15% and for STs from 3% to 7%. With 32% reserved for OBCs, the total reservation now stands at 56%. While Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai initially announced that the new law will be brought under the 9th Schedule, there has been no official word yet.

Government sources said that though the process of getting the law in the 9th Schedule is time consuming, it provides a safety blanket from judicial review. "We are not too confident of the new law in the current form passing the judicial scrutiny. It will be clearer when the rules - expected shortly- to execute the law is made, and the decision of the apex court in EWS case," said the official.

Vulnerable groups

Justifying the extraordinary circumstances to hike the reservation quota, the government acknowledged the social and educational backwardness among several SC/ST communities. These communities include particularly vulnerable tribal groups, safai karmacharis, Maleru, Soligaru, Dholi Bhil, Dakkaligaru Devadasis, nomads, and semi-nomadic tribe among others.

The government has cited Article 15, Article 16, and Article 38 in its justification. It has said that the number of communities that received reservation benefits increased since 1955 when reservation was introduced and since 1958 when pending collection of data the reservation was tentatively fixed at 15% and 3%.

The Ordinance pointed out examples of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh where smaller number of castes get higher reservation, and also those States where reservation is beyond 50%.

CM condoles John Shaw's death

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai condoled the death of Biocon non-executive director John Shaw, the husband of Biocon executive chairperson Kiran Mazumdar Shaw.

Shaw passed away on Monday.

In Shivamogga's island village, a gram panchayat chief travels 45 km to reach office

Sathish G.T.
TUMARI (SHIVAMOGGA)

Lalitha Devendrappa, president of Tumari Gram Panchayat in Sagar taluk, travels about 45 km every day from her house in Baruve village to her office in Tumari by bus. On an average, she spends about ₹100 a day on travel whereas her monthly honorarium from the government is only ₹3,000.

"Our panchayat is among the biggest in the State in terms of area and our village is the last point in the panchayat, bordering Hosanagar taluk. Since the village is surrounded by water on three sides, I have to take the only long route available to reach office," she tells *The Hindu*.

Baruve village, spread over three hamlets - Elige, Chimule and Kirathodi – has a population of 700 people. A majority among them belong to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities.

Villagers, who travel regularly to the panchayat office for various purposes, currently take a long detour and go via Kappagaru and Byakodu to reach their destination. However, this distance would come down to a mere 5 km, if they were provided with a barge or a bridge to cross the Sharavathi backwaters that has created the island.

Lalitha Devendrappa (right), president of Tumari Gram Panchayat, travels about 45 km and spends nearly ₹100 a day to reach her office from her residence at Baruve village in Sagar taluk. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Consequences of Linganamakki dam

Following the construction of the Linganamakki dam across the Sharavathi River for power generation, several villages were submerged in the 1960s. Tumari panchayat turned into an island. The people here depend on barges provided by the Department of Ports and Inland Water Transport at Holebagilu, Hasirumakki and Muppane to reach the mainland.

Meanwhile, construction of bridges at Holebagilu and Hasirumakki are also going on.

However, within this island, Baruve village stands separated. Village residents have difficulty reaching their neighbours on the island. "We have been demanding the government to provide us either with a barge or a bridge to reach Tumari," says Lalitha Devendrappa. The panchayat has also submitted a formal proposal to the government and appealed to Sagar MLA Hartal Halappa. To compound their misery, the villagers do not have phone or internet connectivity. The panchayat president remains incommunicado when she gets home.

KPCL's responsibility

The local people argue that the State Government, particularly Karnataka Power Corporation Limited, benefited from the Linganamakki dam. The corporation has earned thousands of crores of rupees in the last 60 years, and should have responded to the woes of people who lost their land and suffered because of the dam project.

"Our people have gone through many difficulties. Due to lack of proper road and communication facilities, many have died unable to get emergency health care. Had a small portion of the profit the company earned been earmarked for the local people, by now all villages could have got bridges," said G.T. Satyanarayana, former president of Tumari panchayat.

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INBRIEF

Family of four Sri Lankans rescued at Dhanuskodi

A family of four, including two children, reached Dhanuskodi from Sri Lanka, the Marine Police said on Tuesday.

When the Marine Police received information that four persons were stranded near the islet, a team went in search of them and picked up J. Janardhanan, 39, his wife Praveena, 36, and their sons, Sudarshan, 9, and Sudeesan, 5.

Janardanan and Praveena are persons with disabilities. According to their statement, they had paid 3.5 lakh Sri Lankan rupees to an agent in Mannar district, who arranged for a vessel.

Two antique idols stolen from T.N. traced to U.S.

The Chola-era bronze idols were stolen about 50 years ago from the Vishwanatha Swamy Temple at Alathur in Tiruvarur district of Tamil Nadu and replicas had been left in their place

R. Sivaraman
CHENNAI

The Idol Wing-CID has traced two Chola-era bronze idols that were stolen about 50 years ago from the Vishwanatha Swamy Temple at Alathur in Tiruvarur district and smuggled to the United States. It has sent legal documents establishing the Tamil Nadu government's ownership of the antiques.

The Idol Wing traced the Somaskandar idol to the Freer Gallery of Art of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and the Dancing Sambandar idol to Christies.com USA. The Dancing Sambandar idol was sold off by Christies in 2011 for $98,500, equivalent to ₹81,54,893.80.

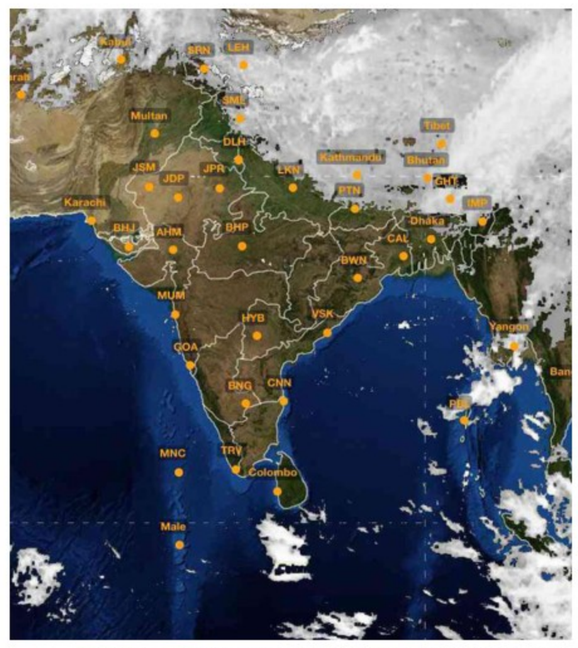
Lost and found: Dancing Sambandar, and, right, the Somaskandar idol. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The police started an investigation in 2017 after an official of the Department of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments lodged a complaint with the Vikrapandiyam police that the antique metal idols – of Vishnu, Sridevi and Bhudevi belonging to the Vishwanatha Swamy Temple – had been stolen. The Idol Wing's investigation led to their detection at Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Further investigation revealed that the original idols had been stolen and replicas had been left in their place. The temple officials suspected that six other idols would have met with a similar fate and requested the Idol Wing to probe further. Recently, the Idol Wing traced the idols of Yoganarasimha and Ganesha, belonging to the same temple, to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: No weather warning

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	54.0	22.6	20.8	Kozhikode	—	34.6	24.5
Ahmedabad	—	36.0	17.3	Kurnool	—	33.3	19.4
Aizawl	9.0	—	18.6	Lucknow	—	31.4	17.5
Allahabad	—	33.1	17.4	Madurai	—	35.2	23.8
Bengaluru	—	28.0	15.4	Mangaluru	—	31.4	21.8
Bhopal	—	29.6	14.0	Mumbai	—	31.8	23.4
Bhubaneswar	—	30.0	20.6	Mysuru	—	30.1	20.4
Chandigarh	—	32.7	14.3	New Delhi	—	30.6	14.0
Chennai	—	32.6		Patna	—	31.9	21.4
Coimbatore	—	30.9	22.6	Port Blair	1.0	32.2	25.0
Dehradun	—	29.7	12.9	Puducherry	—	34.2	22.2
Gangtok	—	19.2	13.0	Pune	—	31.3	15.7
Goa	—	32.8	20.8	Raipur	—	31.5	17.5
Guwahati	58.0	23.5	19.2	Ranchi	—	30.8	18.8
Hubballi	—	30.0	17.0	Shillong	197.0	20.1	12.3
Hyderabad	—	30.7	15.4	Shimla	—	20.5	10.9
Imphal	29.0	28.0	16.7	Srinagar	—	21.4	4.8
Jaipur	—	32.8	17.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.3	23.9
Kochi	23.0	30.6	25.0	Tiruchi	—	33.3	24.0
Kohima	58.0	24.7	11.6	Vijayawada	—	33.0	19.2
Kolkata	2.0	30.2	21.5	Visakhapatnam	—	34.0	24.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.73	106	37	... 223	...166	
Bengaluru	.12	..—	31	... 207	...236	
Chennai	.17	..—	33	... 281	...222	
Delhi	.25	..62	27	... 388	...282	
Hyderabad	...5	..22	35	... 271	.....—	
Kolkata	.13	..12	11	 19	64	
Lucknow	.22	..12	17	... 292	...195	
Mumbai	.16	143	14	... 298	...228	
Pune	..—	..—	.—	..... —	.....—	
Visakhapatnam	.27	..53	30	... 233	...196	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Jodhpur, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 337 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 9

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

IMFS appalled over Karnataka's plan to hold meet on 'Panchabootas'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Chapter of India March For Science (IMFS) has said that it was appalled to learn about the government's plans to conduct conferences on "Panchabootas".

R.L. Mauryan, convener, IMFS, Karnataka, in a statement said they came to know of the plans through media reports.

"We are appalled to learn that several government departments such as ISRO, along with many ministries such as Space and Science & Technology, along with a little known non-governmental organisation called Vijnana Bharti are coming together in a major way to organise conferences in different parts of the country apparently to celebrate the concept of 'Panchabhootas', integrate the teachings of our ancestors and modern science on concepts related to the basic constituents that make up our universe."

Mr. Mauryan said that there are only two types of science - good science and bad science - and that the IMFS rejects the concept of 'Panchabhootas'.

"Today science is an international activity. Though we are all proud of our ancestors and their contribution to overall human development, there is nothing to be gained by projecting their teachings as totally equivalent to science. We reject the concept of 'Panchabhootas' - the sky, the earth, water are not elements. Such concepts have been deleted from science books a long time ago. To bring them back is a retrograde step and should be rejected by all who have a stake in the wellbeing of our country," Mr. Mauryan said. He said the government must not waste the State exchequer on such events at a time when there is financial crunch and instead use the money to disseminate the principles of modern science.

Kerala Governor issues notices to two more V-Cs

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan on Tuesday issued show-cause notices to the Vice-Chancellors of Digital University Kerala and Sree Narayana Guru Open University, Saji Gopinath and P.M. Mubarak Pasha, respectively, over alleged violation of UGC regulations in their appointments.

Arif Mohammed Khan

Similar notices were earlier served on nine others, including V.P. Mahadevan Pillai, who completed his tenure as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kerala on Monday.

In the notices, Mr. Gopinath and Mr. Pasha have been ordered to submit their explanations "on or before November 4 by 5 p.m., failing which it will be presumed that you having nothing to offer in reply". The other Vice-Chancellors will have to furnish their responses by November 3. Dr. Pasha declared his intention to reply to the show-cause notice within the deadline.

The Raj Bhavan action came against the backdrop of the Supreme Court judgment that annulled the appointment of M.S. Rajasree as Vice-Chancellor of APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University.

Police crack kidnap case within 12 hours; 2 held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Vijayanagar police cracked a kidnap-for-ransom case and rescued the 36-year-old son of a furniture shop owner within 12 hours of his abduction on Monday.

Lakshman Nimbargi, DCP, West Division, said that the accused Anand Kumar and his associate Arjith were working in a pharma company where Vikas Bora and his father Mahendra Kumar had done the interiors.

The accused during interaction gathered details of the financial condition of Mr. Vikas and hatched a plan to abduct him for ransom.

Anand Kumar roped in Azhar Pasha for the job and offered him the contract, who in turn got his associates to kidnap.

The accused called up Mr. Mahendra to inform him about the kidnap and demanded ₹1 crore and 15 kg of gold for his son's release.

Based on a complaint, the police arrested Anand Kumar and Azhar Pasha when they came to receive the ransom. They also rescued Mr. Vikas.

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Ending dominance

Mobile users of digital powerhouses need an environment of real choice

The recent order of India's competition regulator against Google for abusing its dominant position in the Android mobile device ecosystem is significant not just for the amount of penalty imposed but also for the drastic changes in business practices that it requires the IT giant to undertake. On Thursday, the Competition Commission of India imposed a penalty of about ₹1,337 crore, said to be a provisional amount, on Google, while coming down heavily on it for having such restrictive clauses in its agreements with original equipment manufacturers (who use its Android platform) that it can keep competition at bay. And because of such agreements, the order said, "Google ensured that users continue to use its search services on mobile devices which facilitated un-interrupted growth of advertisement revenue for Google." It, therefore, concluded that the whole idea of Google imposing such restrictions on its device partners was to "protect and strengthen its dominant position in general search services and thus, its revenues via search advertisements". This decision, both the penalty and the regulator's direction to Google "to modify its conduct", will be welcomed by anyone who realises the power of the big IT platforms to shut out competition and, therefore, choice for the users.

Significantly, it will not be business-as-usual for Google, as the regulator has issued a cease and desist order against it, according to which it will have to drastically change the terms of the deals it enters into with original equipment manufacturers. For instance, as per the Competition Commission order, Google should not henceforth force original equipment manufacturers to choose from its bouquet of apps to pre-install on the device. Nor should it, the order says, require device makers to pre-install its apps such as Google search, Chrome, YouTube, Maps, among others, as a precondition for licensing of its Play Store. It also has been directed against restricting users from uninstalling its pre-installed apps. One of the requirements, in fact, targets Google's primary revenue generator. It says, "Google shall allow the users, during the initial device setup, to choose their default search engine for all search entry points." These, among a slew of such requirements, could well mean that Google will have to tweak its business model in India. Google has termed the order a "major setback" for Indian businesses and consumers, saying it opens up security risks while also possibly raising the cost of mobile devices. While the option of legal review is open, it is to the regulator's credit that Google's anti-competitive practices have been called out. What the mobile users of a potential digital powerhouse such as India need is an environment of real choice.

One-man rule

Xi Jinping is now in full command of the party, the military in his third term

China's President Xi Jinping emerged out of last week's Communist Party congress in even firmer grip on Chinese politics. With four Xi allies chosen to join the two others who continue on the Politburo Standing Committee – the seven-member Xi-headed body that rules China – he has engineered a clean sweep and complete domination that is unprecedented in Chinese politics. Even at the height of Mao Zedong's power, he had to contend with rival power centres. Mr. Xi faces no such challenges, having sent past rivals, such as Bo Xilai, as well as potential challengers, such as Sun Zhengcai, to prison on corruption charges. Past factional arrangements have also been decimated. Mr. Xi's predecessors, Jiang Zemin and Hu Jintao, no longer wield influence. Mr. Jiang did not attend the congress, while Mr. Hu was, on the final day, escorted out before he could vote on the resolutions passed unanimously. While his forced removal was attributed to health reasons, the extraordinary sight only underlined Mr. Xi's dominance. So did the early retirements of Premier Li Keqiang and Vice Premier Wang Yang, which paved the way for Xi allies to occupy the top positions. Mr. Li has been replaced by a close Xi associate, Li Qiang, who was criticised for this year's draconian COVID-19 lockdown of Shanghai. He is now the country's second-ranked leader. A constitutional amendment declares it is now an "obligation" of every party member to follow Mr. Xi, while the official Xinhua news agency noted the key factor in promotions was "loyalty" to Mr. Xi.

The Communist Party has framed the concentration of power in Mr. Xi's hands – and China's return to one-man rule – as a necessity. Mr. Xi has frequently criticised "weak leadership" that preceded him, and did so again at the congress. "Strong leadership", in the party's view, is the only guarantee for a "strong country" – a Xi catchphrase – to stand up to the U.S. and deal with domestic challenges such as a slowing economy. Markets, however, reacted with a crash, with Chinese stocks in Hong Kong falling by the most since 2008 and a record dumping of shares in Chinese firms by foreign investors. Chinese leaders have in the past described the current world order as offering a "period of strategic opportunity" for China. Mr. Xi changed that formulation, painting a picture of a darker world that also required "struggle" and a "fighting spirit", a phrase added to the constitution. Mr. Xi, in full command of the party and the military, is now likely to pursue that mission in his third five-year term.

Short or long stay, Brexit Britain's challenges remain

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Rishi Sunak has claimed several records this week – Britain's first Asian Prime Minister, the youngest in two centuries, and certainly the wealthiest in living memory. His predecessor, Liz Truss, leaves with the record of the shortest serving Prime Minister, resigning after 45 days; the premier with the least support of her parliamentary colleagues; the leader who oversaw one of the worst declines in the value of the pound; perhaps even the leader who almost wrecked the British economy with her ideologically driven fiscal policies. But the story of Liz Truss' rise and fall, and of Rishi Sunak's rise to become Britain's fifth Prime Minister in six years is also the story of Brexit Britain. This is the story of a country that voted to pull up the drawbridge in exchange for honeyed promises of 'taking back control' of immigration and its economy. Brexit Britain's challenges remain.

Cameron to May

To rewind, David Cameron called for a referendum in 2016 on whether Britain should remain in the European Union (EU). In a badly-worded ballot, the electorate were offered two choices: Remain (in the EU), or Leave. There was no explanation about what 'leaving' meant, or indeed how any future relationship with Britain's largest trading partner might be managed. The country voted narrowly – 52% to 48% – in favour of Leave. The drafting of the referendum also indicated a one-off event. However, the subsequent six years have shown that Brexit could never be an event – it was a process, and one with a long tail. Thereafter, Britain has cycled through four other Prime Ministers in an attempt to disentangle itself from all the trading, financial, legal, bureaucratic and cultural ties that bind Britain to the world's largest single market.

David Cameron, who belatedly campaigned for Remain after opening the floodgates, was succeeded by Theresa May, another Remainer. In order to win the party over, Ms. May tacked right, promising a harder divorce from Europe than might have been necessary. Ms. May could have opted for a Norway-type agreement, which would have allowed for Britain to remain in the European Economic Area and pursue a customs agreement with the EU, thereby protecting its most important trading relationship, while still nominally bringing political control back to Westminster. Instead, she pursued a complete break with the EU. Her appeasement of the hardline Brexiteers effectively shut off any path for a Remain supporter to become Prime Minister. Each leader after her adopted an increasingly harder stance on bringing back sovereignty, understood as some mythic regaining of control over immigration, trade, domestic workers rights, human rights and economic policy.

Rishi Sunak, a committed Brexiteer, will face turbulence as most of Britain's economic headwinds are of Westminster's own making

But disentangling an almost 50-year relationship was never going to be easy. Theresa May could not deliver, not least because peace in Northern Ireland after decades of sectarian violence was predicated on EU membership. This required the free movement of goods and people on the island of Ireland, which was incompatible with Brexit. Ms. May was ousted when she could not deliver the hard Brexit she promised.

Johnson to Truss

Boris Johnson succeeded her as party leader and premier by promising to 'get Brexit done'. When he was thwarted by Parliament over his willingness to renege on formal commitments already made to the EU, he called a general election, which he won easily. In this, he was aided by the pusillanimity of the Labour Party, which feared telling the truth to some of their Brexit-backing constituents in the north of England on the false promises of Brexit. Labour lost the election (and those voters), and with it an opportunity to question the wisdom of Brexit.

Boris Johnson's electoral victory in 2019, with the largest majority in three decades, snuffed any debate on how to leave the EU. He survived a series of scandals that were a direct consequence of his attempt to push through Brexit, including lying to the Queen, trying to illegally prorogue Parliament, and eventually agreeing to a customs border between Northern Ireland and Britain – the issue that had contributed to Ms. May's downfall. The summer he was ousted, there were hours-long queues at the port of Dover and the threat of empty supermarket shelves as a result of Brexit bottlenecks.

Liz Truss succeeded Mr. Johnson by pushing the myths of Brexit to their logical conclusion. Just as Brexit had been peddled on the fabled 'return' of millions to fund the National Health Service (NHS) – the NHS is now on its knees because of under-funding and a lack of staff; on the fairy-tale of turbo-charged growth once the constraining labour laws and financial regulations of the EU were discarded; and the comforting delusions that countries would be lining up to sign trade deals with a 'free' Britain, so too Liz Truss persuaded herself and enough of her party that all she had to do was to slash taxes for the rich, appeal to bankers and their high risk strategies, and all would be fine with the British economy.

Unfortunately for Ms. Truss, international investors do not buy into myths: declining confidence in the long-term prospects for Britain was signalled from 2016 with the fall of the pound. The promised trade deals came with strings attached in the form of what countries wanted in return – in the case of India, a more favourable visa regime for its workers, which clashed with the vow of cracking down on immigration. Sometimes sovereignty is not all that it is cranked up to be.

A 'profound crisis'

In the end, the markets took back control of Britain. Already poorer as a result of Brexit – some estimates calculate a 4% drop in productivity in 15 years as a result of the Brexit-induced loss of market access and openness to trade – and with a dented credibility as a result of reneging on the Northern Ireland Protocol that Boris Johnson had negotiated with the EU in January 2020 (and which came into force in January 2021), the markets looked with scepticism at the Truss government's attempts to repudiate 'economic orthodoxy' with deep, unfunded tax cuts. Though they have been reversed, the cost of the economic folly remains. Rishi Sunak's current in-tray will have briefings on soaring inflation, rising mortgages, a continuing cost-of-living crisis, an NHS in crisis, and strikes by multiple workers unions.

Mr. Sunak, a committed Brexiteer, shares his two predecessors' ideas on migration, growth, and Britain's ability to go it alone. However, as he recognised in his first speech since becoming Prime Minister, Britain 'faces a profound economic crisis'. Though there are global economic headwinds, most of these problems are of Westminster's own making. Whether Mr. Sunak's time in Downing Street is short or long, it will be a turbulent stay.

A renewable energy revolution, rooted in agriculture

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The beginnings of a renewable energy revolution rooted in agriculture are taking shape in India with the first bio-energy plant of a private company in Sangrur district of Punjab having commenced commercial operations on October 18. It will produce Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) from paddy straw, thus converting agricultural waste into wealth.

It has become common practice among farmers in Punjab, Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh to dispose of paddy stubble and the biomass by setting it on fire to prepare fields for the next crop, which has to be sown in a window of three to four weeks. This is spread over millions of hectares. The resultant clouds of smoke engulf the entire National Capital Territory of Delhi and neighbouring States for several weeks between October to December. This plays havoc with the environment and affects human and livestock health.

Some measures

The Government of India has put in place several measures and spent a lot of money in tackling the problem. The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) had developed a framework and action plan for the effective prevention and control of stubble burning. The framework/action plan includes in-situ management, i.e., incorporation of paddy straw and stubble in the soil using heavily subsidised machinery (supported by crop residue management (CRM) Scheme of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare). Ex-situ CRM efforts include the use of paddy straw for biomass power projects and co-firing in thermal power plants, and as feedstock for 2G ethanol plants, feed stock in CBG plants, fuel in industrial boilers, waste-to-energy (WTE) plants, and in packaging materials, etc.

Additionally, measures are in place to ban stubble burning, to monitor and enforce this, and initiating awareness generation. Despite these efforts, farm fires continued unabated.

In Punjab, a project to use paddy straw to produce compressed bio gas is one that is replicable across India, and can transform the rural economy

Though paddy stubble burning in northwest India has received a lot of attention because of its severity of pollution, the reality is that crop residue burning is spreading even to rabi crops and the rest of the country. Unless these practices are stopped, the problem will assume catastrophic proportions.

A project in place

In its search for a workable solution, NITI Aayog approached FAO India in 2019 to explore converting paddy straw and stubble into energy and identify possible ex-situ uses of rice straw to complement the in-situ programme. In technical consultations with the public and private sectors, the FAO published its study on developing a crop residue supply chain in Punjab that can allow the collection, storage and final use of rice straw for other productive services, specifically for the production of renewable energy.

The results suggest that to mobilise 30% of the rice straw produced in Punjab, an investment of around ₹2,201 crore ($309 million) would be needed to collect, transport and store it within a 20-day period. This would reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by about 9.7 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent and around 66,000 tonnes of PM2.5. Further, depending on market conditions, farmers can expect to earn between ₹550 and ₹1,500 per ton of rice straw sold, depending on market conditions.

A techno-economic assessment of energy technologies suggested that rice straw can be cost-effective for producing CBG and pellets. Pellets can be used in thermal power plants as a substitute of coal and CBG as a transport fuel. With 30% of the rice straw produced in Punjab, a 5% CBG production target set by the Government of India scheme, "Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT)" can be met. It could also increase local entrepreneurship, increase farmers' income and reduce open burning of rice straw. In Punjab, Sangrur, Ludhiana and Barnala were recommended as the most promising districts for these interventions. Verbio India Private Limited, a 100% subsidiary of the German Verbio AG, got approval from the Punjab government in April 2018 to set up a bio-CNG project that will utilise about 2.1 lakh tonnes of a total of 18.32 million tonnes of paddy straw annually. The plant is in Bhutal Kalan village of Lehragaga *tehsil* in Sangrur district, Punjab. The plant will use one lakh tonnes of paddy straw produced from approximately 16,000 hectares of paddy fields. Paddy residue will be collected from this year to produce 33 tons of CBG and 600-650 tonnes of fermented organic manure/slurry per day – this will reduce up to 1.5 lakh tonnes of CO2 emissions per year.

Many benefits

Thus, from paddy stubble, CBG valued at ₹46 per kg as per the SATAT scheme will be produced. Paddy straw from one acre of crop can yield energy output (CBG) worth more than ₹17,000 – an addition of more than 30% to the main output of grain. This initiative is an ideal example of a 'wealth from waste' approach and circular economy.

There are several other benefits: the slurry or fermented organic manure from the plant (CBG) will be useful as compost to replenish soils heavily depleted of organic matter, and reduce dependence on chemical fertilizers. The plant will also provide employment opportunities to rural youth in the large value chain, from paddy harvest, collection, baling, transport and handling of biomass and in the CBG plant. This will boost the economy of Punjab. It is pertinent to mention that straw from many other crops contains higher energy than paddy straw.

This appears to be a first win-win initiative in the form of environmental benefits, renewable energy, value addition to the economy, farmers' income and sustainability. This initiative is replicable and scaleable across the country and can be a game changer for the rural economy.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Third term for Xi Jinping

By installing allies, Chinese President Xi Jinping has only ensured that he is firmly in the saddle. The fact is his extended tenure will not be the same as it was earlier. The point that those who dealt with the issues pertaining to India and Taiwan have been rewarded cannot be overlooked or under estimated. On its part, India cannot remain oblivious to important happenings in China and especially after the border skirmishes in 2020 could not be sorted out despite wide-ranging talks at various levels. We need not have to guess how the action plan and the agenda of the Chinese leadership will be over the next five years. So, a proactive and pragmatic approach by India to deal with a belligerent Asian giant is necessary.

V. Johan Dhanakumar,
Chennai

Unwarranted adventures on the borders with India and a non-cooperative stance when its comes to terror elements targetting India clearly reveal the hostile face of China. India has to quickly get used to the idea of a reinvigorated adversary.

Dr. D.V.G.Sankararao,
Nellimarla, Andhra Pradesh

Mr. Xi's steps to ensure crucial changes indicate that he is accountable to none. There is no doubt that the aggressive and muscular policies being followed by China will only continue with greater vigour. It is also likely that fortification and militarisation along the border with India will continue. These developments warrant a fresh and deeper look into our preparedness. We cannot allow any further salami slicing by China along the LAC.

Kosaraju Chandramouli,
Hyderabad

Authoritarian regimes, in essence, are "static regimes" where a supreme leader assumes know-it-all powers. The biggest strength of democracies is a free flow of ideas and the right to contest these ideas. It is using this strength that India and other democracies of the Indo-Pacific should focus on how to tackle autocracies in the region. India should strengthen and nurture partnerships with like-minded democracies to handle Asian geopolitics.

Hemant Goyal,
Safidon, Jind, Haryana

Teaching and language

I am not against Hindi. But I certainly do not appreciate medical teaching in Hindi. Any technical course needs to be in English given that the latest research details and advancements are largely in English. Our love for our languages should not blind us.

J. Eden Alexander,
Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu

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Betting on change: an American dream

Chinmaya Gharekhan
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There are three countries in which the West in general and the U.S. in particular would like to see regime change: Iran, Russia and China. Iran is the most promising; China, the least.

Once the Ayatollahs took over Iran in 1979, they demanded handover of the Shah from America where he had taken refuge. The U.S. refused and the Islamist students took over the American embassy in Tehran, holding the diplomats hostage for 444 days. Ever since, the relations between Washington and Tehran have been extremely unfriendly. A superpower, humiliated, must not rest until the regime is toppled. During the eight-year-long Iran-Iraq war, the Americans were clearly on Iraq's side, which gave further cause to the Iranians to hate the US.

Iran's nuclear programme has been the subject of prolonged negotiations between the U.S. and Iran. America had no objection per se in Iran having nuclear weapons so long as Shah was in power; indeed, they set up several nuclear plants in Iran. Once the mullahs declared their determination to drive Israel into the sea, the Americans had no choice but to pressure Iran to give up its nuclear programme and to impose stringent economic sanctions against it. There were opportunities to reach an agreement on this festering issue, but they were not seized. Mr. Trump denounced the nuclear deal worked out by President Obama; he too had little choice in the face of Israel's stubborn opposition to any deal with Iran.

The U.S. is looking at the current wave of protests in Iran as an opportunity to bring the regime down. Even the Iranian oil industry has joined in the protests. This is not as farfetched as it might appear. The mullahs surely remember how the CIA in 1953 brought down the democratically elected Prime Minister Mossadegh, who had nationalised the Iranian oil industry. Tehran accuses the U.S. as being behind the protests sparked by the death of an Iranian woman during police custody. Can one dismiss their claim altogether? The protests, combined with the dire economic situation, might pose existential threat to the regime. The mullahs must not underestimate the capability of CIA to elevate the protests into a civil war, or of the staying power of the protesters. Even a strong man like Hosni Mubarak in Egypt had to step down despite controlling the military and intelligence. Iran would do well to reach an agreement on the nuclear issue.

As for Russia, President Biden publicly called for Mr. Putin's removal. "For God's sake, that man, (meaning President Putin,) cannot remain in power," he said in Warsaw on May 26. Does Putin's war on Ukraine open up, however slightly, the door for a regime change in the Kremlin? The war has gone extremely badly so far for Mr. Putin. He too is facing humiliation and has repeatedly threatened to use nuclear weapons. His counter sanctions against the West by denying energy supplies to them are unlikely to produce change of behaviour just as the Western sanctions have not worked in making Mr. Putin sue for peace. However, even Mr. Gorbachev had to pull out of Afghanistan; his country could no longer afford to remain in Afghanistan and the families of the fallen soldiers generated almost unbearable protests. Mr. Putin may face a similar situation at some stage.

Mr. Biden is in no hurry. The U.S. is not interested in a ceasefire. The war does not cost them anything. The arms industry is booming and American blood is not being shed. As and when Ukraine begins to rebuild itself, it is mostly the American companies that will reap all the contracts.

{A thought regarding Ukraine. While the big powers are indulging in irresponsible talk of nuclear war and Armageddon, the rest of the world is suffering grievously, particularly the developing countries. They must not continue to sit with folded hands. One of them, such as India, either singly or with like-minded partners, should table a resolution in the Security Council demanding immediate end to the hostilities in situ, to be followed by intense diplomacy by the Secretary General with all the parties to explore avenues to find face-saving formula that might satisfy or dissatisfy everyone equally.}

China is a different story. The Chinese Communist Party, with its 90 million members, is firmly, though perhaps not too comfortably, entrenched. Its economy is the second largest in the world. Its military, growing more powerful by the day, is well disciplined; at least so it appears. What sustains the CCP is its remarkable feat in reducing poverty and improving the living standards of the people. So long as the party can increase prosperity, it is safe. Hence, the economic war with China which Mr. Trump started and Mr. Biden is continuing and ratcheting up almost every week.

There have been some rumblings, reported in the media, among senior echelons of the CCP; how true, one does not know. All in all, China offers the least potential for regime change, but the U.S. will not abandon the goal. One of Mr. Biden's successors, however removed, might succeed.

There is chaos aplenty on the horizon as the West, especially U.S., imagines a new regime in Iran, Russia and China

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A thorny tryst with look-alike symbols

Name change and bypoll aside, TRS still has a battle to wage with the EC

STATE OF PLAY

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The Telangana Rashtra Samiti has initiated the process for change of its name as Bharata Rashtra Samiti for a pan India identity, retaining car as its symbol with the Election Commission of India. However, the party has locked horns with the top election body over the free symbols issue. It has held that the several free options offered by the EC look too similar to the party's own, and it has affected its vote share at least to some extent in elections conducted in the past.

The developments in the State ahead of the high voltage byelection to Munugode Assembly segment is turning out to be another opportunity for the TRS leadership to score political points over the rival BJP. The replacement of the returning officer of the constituency, Jagannatha Rao, by the Commission has given ample opportunity to the TRS leadership to reiterate its claim that the BJP leadership is diluting the spirit of the constitutional institutions like the Election Commission by having a say in their affairs.

The replacement of the official, TRS working president K.T. Rama Rao alleged, proved yet again that the EC was working under the control of the BJP. "This is the latest example of how the BJP is misusing the constitutional bodies to serve its interests. The pressure on the EC, which is supposed to act beyond parties and in a democratic manner, from the BJP is visible," he said, reacting to the replacement of the returning officer. Reintroducing the Road Roller symbol that was suspended in

2011 was nothing but ridiculing democracy in his view.

The EC has replaced the officer after taking a serious view of the manner in which he had changed the free symbol allotted to the independent candidate K. Shiva Kumar without intimating the latter in advance or consulting the special observer nominated to oversee the poll process.

The Commission, in its letter to the Chief Electoral Officer Vikas Raj, said it had gone through all the papers placed on the record and considered the cases. Explaining the circumstances, the EC said: "From plain reading of the provisions, it is clear under Rule 10(5) of Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, only the Election Commission and not the RO is empowered to revise the allotment order, if the same is inconsistent with any direction issued by the Elections Commission".

The development comes in the light of representation submitted by the TRS to the EC, seeking suspension of look-alike symbols like road roller, camera, chapatti roller, television, ship, sewing machine, and soap dish as these looked like the car symbol on electronic voting machines. These symbols were affecting the parties' prospects as uneducated voters could not see the difference and were casting votes against the other symbols believing that it was the car symbol.

The party approached the High Court too on the issue recently but the court last Tuesday dismissed the petition, saying it cannot interfere in the matter as the EC had set the byelection process in motion.

TRS senior leader and former MP B. Vinod Kumar who submitted the representation to the EC on suspension of symbols recalled how the party's candidate Manda Jagannatham lost the election in the Nagarkurnool Lok Sabha constituency in 2014. "Manda Jagannatham lost the election as over 50,000 votes went to an independent who was allotted an auto symbol that resembled the car on the EVM. Similarly, other symbols resembling the TRS are also cutting into our votes," he lamented.

This was not an isolated case. The TRS submitted details to the EC on how candidates who were allotted symbols like road roller, television and camera got more votes than those nominated by the recognised political parties. For instance, candidate with road roller symbol secured 3,569 votes against the 743 polled by the BSP candidate in Munugode where byelection is being held. Similarly, the candidate who was allotted the camera symbol polled more than 9,000 votes while the BJP and BSP could manage around 1,500 votes.

Given the repeated representations made by the TRS expressing concern over the impact of free symbols on its candidates, it is time the EC took a serious view of the issue and resolve it once and for all. It is especially important in view of the fact that the elections to Telangana Assembly are due in around 14 months, if they are held as per schedule.

TV dominates as news source, despite poor trust levels

Only 13% "strongly trusted" private TV news channels compared to 31% who said so about newspapers, says CSDS survey

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

Indian news consumers' trust in private TV news channels is relatively much lower than their belief in newspapers and yet television continues to be the dominant news source. Notably, their trust in online news websites is lower than even the private channels, while the former is the third preferred source for accessing news after news channels and newspapers despite a surge in smartphone usage.

The conclusions are based on a survey done in 2022 by the Lokniti programme of Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, in partnership with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. The study was conducted in 19 States among 7,463 citizens aged 15 years and above. The survey covers all segments of the society - the rural as well as the urban citizens, the rich and the poor, the young and the old, men and women, and the non-literate as well as the educated.

Table 1 shows how people are "accessing news" through various sources. Over 70% of consumers said they watch news channels, while 48% read newspapers. About 37% also said that they visit websites to consume news.

Table 2 shows the dominant news source among participants. Over 40% said TV and about 22% said new media (internet/social media/mobile phone) as their dominant sources for news. Only 6% and 1% said newspaper and radio are the main sources respectively.

Table 3 shows the presence of media and communication sources in Indian homes. Three out of every four homes have a television set, close to one in four get a newspaper daily or often and in 13% homes get magazines periodically or often. There is a music system or a transistor in 22% homes, whereas 76% have at least one smartphone owning member.

Interestingly, the number of persons who carry a mobile phone that is not "smart" has become miniscule. While 84 of every 100 homes have at least one mobile phone owning member, 76 of every 100 homes have a smartphone owning member. When individuals are considered, the survey shows that 26% of individuals owned an ordinary mobile phone and 43% owned a smartphone. This meant that more individuals in India today own a smartphone than an ordinary mobile phone, which was not the case till about three years ago. In 2019, a national survey by Lokniti had found 40% owned an ordinary mobile phone and 33% a smartphone.

Survey also shows that online websites are the least trusted among news sources. Only 11% "strongly" trust them, fewer than 13% who said the same for private TV news channels. In contrast, more than twice the share – 31% – said they strongly trust newspapers. Over 60% "strongly or somewhat" trust newspapers. The trends are captured in **Table 4.**

Interestingly, 50% or more respondents "highly or moderately" trusted Twitter, WhatsApp and YouTube while less than half said the same about Facebook, Instagram and Telegram as listed in **Table 5.**

Table 6 shows that over 50% of active internet users are concerned about receiving or being misled by fake news on the internet, social media and WhatsApp.

Table 7 shows that 47% social media users have been misled by fake news at least once and about 38% shared such news unknowingly at least once and later realised that it was not true.

Put together, the results bring out a curious pattern of news consumption in India. Despite a surge in smartphone usage, TV and newspapers continue to beat websites in news consumption. And the trust in TV news is much lower than newspapers but it still is the dominant source of news.

Patterns of news consumption

The tables show the mediums used by Indians to access news, trust levels in news disseminated and their experience with fake news. Data were sourced from a survey conducted in 2022 by the Lokniti programme of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, in partnership with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

Table 1 | Proportion of Indians accessing news through various means

Watch news channels	71
Read newspapers	48
Visit news websites	37

Table 2 | Through which medium do you mostly get/obtain news?

Television	42
Newspaper	6
Radio	1
New media (internet/ social media/ mobile phone)	22
People (family/ friends/ neighbours/ others)	18
Difficult to say/not interested	11

Table 3 | Presence of media and communication sources in Indian homes

Traditional sources	
Television set	75
Newspaper (get it daily or often)	27
Magazine (get it periodically or often)	13
Music system or transistor	22
New sources	
At least one mobile phone-owning member (includes smartphone)	84
At least one smartphone-owning member	76
Computer/laptop/tablet	19
Private internet connection at home	12

Table 4 | How much do you trust the news disseminated through these news media?

	Strongly trust	Somewhat trust	Don't trust much	Don't trust at all	Non-committal
DD's news channels	34	30	16	8	12
Newspapers	31	29	16	9	15
Private news channels	13	28	20	13	26
AIR news	15	20	15	15	35
Online news websites	11	23	19	15	32

Table 5 | Trust in information or news received from various social media platforms

	High trust	Moderate	Very little	None at all	Non-committal
Twitter	17	33	21	12	17
WhatsApp	16	38	21	13	12
YouTube	14	37	22	13	14
Facebook	14	35	26	14	11
Instagram	11	33	27	15	14
Telegram	11	30	24	17	18

Table 6 | How concerned are you about receiving or being misled by inaccurate or fake information on the internet, social media and/or Whatsapp?

	High	Moderate	Little	None at all
All internet users	16	25	17	42
Active internet users	21	31	20	28

Table 7 | Social media users' experience with fake news

	Very often	Few times	Once or twice	Never
Been misled by fake news on internet or social media	7	18	22	53
Shared fake news/ information unknowingly and realized later that it was false	5	14	19	62

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FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 26, 1972

PM Not in Favour of Autonomy for Darjeeling

Darjeeling, Oct. 25: Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to-day virtually turned down the Gorkha League's demand for autonomy for Darkeeling. According to the Gorkha League General Secretary, Mr. J. K. Chetri, she told a delegation of the League which met her here that she had left it ot the West Bengal Chief Minister, Mr. Siddhartha Shankar Ray, to work out in consultation with all concerned, some form of local council for the development administration of the region. Mrs. Gandhi, accordin to him, emphasised that the policy of the Government was not to divide the country any furthr for such divisions did not help the people economically. On the question of constitutional recognition of Nepal language, Mrs. Gandhi told separate delagations of the League, CPM, CPI and Congress, that she would call a conference in New Delhi in December of all the parties and organisations in Darjeeling to discuss the issue. Mr. Chetri said the Gorkha League delegation, which included the League's President Mr. D. V. Rai, MLA, was "satisfied wtih the talks with the Prime Minister." He said the League's demand was an autonomous unit comprising Darjeeling district which meant virutally a State within the State.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 26, 1922

New sterling loan

London, Oct. 25: The prospectus of the new Indian loan has been issued and states that proceeds of the loan will be utilised for Indian Railway and general purposes. The list will be closed on or before October 31st.

Simla, Oct. 25: The prospectus of a sterling loan of 20 million pounds issued today by the Secretary of State has been announced. The proceeds will be utilised for Indian railways and general purposes. Issue price of £ 85 per cent and interest at 4 1/2 per cent per annum. If not previously redeemed, stock will be repaid at par on the 15th May 1955, the Secretary of State reserving right on giving three months' notice to redeem the loan at par on or on any half yearly interest date after 15th May 1950. The loan does not carry any conversion right and the subscription list in London, if the whole loan be not subscribed for earlier, remain open not later than 21st instant.

From Page One

Sunak becomes Britain's first non-white PM

"I will place economic stability and confidence at the heart of this government's agenda," Mr. Sunak said, adding that his government would be run with "integrity, professionalism and accountability". Former Prime Minister Boris Johnson's scandal-ridden government had collapsed in July leading to Ms. Truss replacing him after she beat Mr. Sunak in a vote by Conservative Party members.

Ms. Truss, who had been in office just 49 days, defended her policy decisions in a speech on the way out of Downing Street on Tuesday morning. The new Prime Minister said he admired Ms. Truss's "restlessness" and that her goal of creating economic growth was "noble".

"But some mistakes were made," he said, as he vowed to improve the National Health Service and control borders. Mr. Sunak is a supporter of the Johnson government's plan to send certain asylum seekers from Britain to Rwanda. He also voted for Brexit in 2016 (i.e., Britain to leave the European Union) and said on Monday that he would deliver on the Conservative manifesto promise of embracing the "opportunities of Brexit".

The Sunday Times Rich list estimated Mr. Sunak and Ms. Murty's financial worth – the overwhelming share of which is hers – at £730 million. Accused of being out of touch with the common man's problems because of his wealth, Mr. Sunak, who won praise for overseeing the COVID-19 lockdown-related financial assistance as Chancellor, said he would "bring that same compassion" to the current challenges the U.K. faces.

However, he cautioned that there were limits to what could be done, especially now. Soon after being appointed to the top job, Mr. Sunak began a Cabinet reshuffle while retaining some Ministers in their posts. Dominic Raab – a steadfast supporter of his through the summer campaign – was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Justice Secretary. James Cleverly was reappointed Foreign Secretary. Earlier in the day, Mr. Cleverly had made calls to several of his counterparts, including External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

On Mr. Sunak's to-do list will be overseeing his government completing a trade deal with India, which has proved challenging, partly due to the controversial comments on migration made by Suella Braverman, the Truss government's Home Secretary, in addition to reported interference from Ms. Truss. Significantly, Mr. Sunak re-appointed Ms. Braverman to her former role on Tuesday afternoon.

Jeremy Hunt, Ms. Truss's second Chancellor, was re-appointed to his post and Ben Wallace was re-appointed Defence Secretary, Downing Street announced. On Wednesday, Mr. Sunak will appear in Parliament for his first Prime Minister's Questions.

Five held in Coimbatore car blast case

A search at Mubin's residence later in the day led to the seizure of materials including 76 kg of potassium nitrate, aluminium powder, sulphur and charcoal, which could be used to make explosives. The police suspect that, in the car, Mubin carried some of the chemicals in three small cans, two LPG cylinders, marbles and nails to create an explosive and added isopropyl alcohol (to the chemicals) to increase the impact of the blast. The police are waiting for the results of the forensic examination of samples collected from the blast site to confirm the use of chemicals.

The police suspect that the explosion could have happened when Mubin tried to abandon the vehicle carrying the explosive materials after seeing a police check-post ahead.

After the blast, the police found one of the two LPG cylinders exploded and Mubin's charred body on the road with marbles and nails scattered around the mangled car.

Asked whether Mubin was a human bomb, senior police officers said the chances were unlikely as he left a cache of explosive materials in his house, possibly for use in future.

In another CCI rap, Google fined ₹936 cr.

"The app developers are left bereft of the inherent choice to use payment processor of their liking from the open market," the order said adding that during the investigation it found that Google is following discriminatory practices by not using the GPBS for its own applications such as YouTube.

The CCI noted that if the app developers do not comply with Google's policy of using the GPBS, they are not permitted to list their apps on the Play Store and thus, would lose out the vast pool of potential customers in the form of Android users. Pointing out that there were "glaring inconsistencies" and wide disclaimers in presenting various revenue data points by Google, the CCI, however, has in the interest of justice quantified the provisional monetary penalties on the basis of the data presented by Google.

"Accordingly, the CCI imposed a penalty @ 7% of its average relevant turnover amounting to ₹936.44 crore upon Google on provisional basis, for violating Section 4 of the Act. Google has been given a time of 30 days to provide the requisite financial details and supporting documents," it said. The anti-trust regulator, on October 20, slapped a fine of ₹1,337.76 crore on Google for abusing its dominant position in multiple markets in the Android mobile device ecosystem.

UNSC members to pay tributes at 26/11 memorial

The Counter-Terrorism Committee meet will be held on Friday. It is part of the Centre's effort to keep the focus on terrorism, terror financing; India's tenure at the Security Council ends in Jan.

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Ambassadors of all countries in the UN Security Council (UNSC) will attend a memorial for victims of the 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai on Friday, as part of a special session of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) at the Taj Mumbai hotel, one of the sites of the attacks in 2008.

Paying tributes: António Guterres visits the 26/11 memorial in Mumbai on October 19. TWITTER/@MEAINDIA

The ceremony will include a joint wreath laying ceremony and separate floral tributes by United Nations officials and representatives of every country in the Security Council, said officials, stressing the significance of China's Ambassador being part of the event, given its record of placing holds on listings of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists at the UNSC in the past four months.

The officials said that with just two months to go on India's two-year tenure as an elected member of the UNSC, India is doubling up on efforts to highlight cooperation on terrorism and terror financing.

"From January onwards India will not be 'in the room' [at the UNSC] for these discussions on countering terrorism and discussing listings. So it is necessary to find ways to keep global pressure on fighting terrorism," said former Indian Ambassador to the UN Asoke Mukerji, who suggested the "Sudan model" on listing terrorists.

The model refers to a logjam at the UNSC over the U.S. requests to list four Sudanese terrorists under the UNSC Resolution 1591 sanctions regime, which was blocked by China. Eventually in April 2006, the U.S. was able to force a vote at the UNSC, which saw the listings go through, as Russia and China abstained from the vote.

Officials of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) did not comment on whether India and the U.S. were considering a similar push for a vote at present, but New Delhi has expressed its frustration with China's blocks on its joint terror listing proposals with the U.S. for five commanders of the LeT and JeM, including 26/11 terrorist handler Sajid Mir, LeT recruiter and fund collector Shahid Mehmood, and Hafiz Saeed family members Abdur Makki and Talha Saeed, all wanted for their role in the Mumbai attacks.

These will also be highlighted at the upcoming "No Money for Terrorism" conference in Delhi in November which will be inaugurated by Home Minister Amit Shah, and by officials preparing for a visit to New York by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to chair a session of the UNSC in November.

The CTC meeting in Mumbai follows a week after UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres visited the 26/11 memorial, and was taken through an exhibition of photos of the terror attacks on Mumbai hotels, the CST railway station, and other locations over three days, that left 166 people dead.

The visiting Ambassadors, both current and incoming members of the UNSC, Under-Secretary-General Vladimir Voronkov, UN Office on Counter-Terrorism, and Weixiong Chen, Acting Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate, would also meet with some of the victims of the attacks who had met Mr. Guterres.

The event will be followed by an "informal briefing on combating terrorism financing in the local and regional contexts", according to the CTC's draft agenda.

Dalit couple, son shot dead in M.P. village, 4 arrested, 3 on the run

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

Three members of a Dalit family – an elderly couple and their son – were gunned down allegedly by a neighbouring family in Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday. Another son of the couple was critically injured in the attack, the police said.

The incident sparked protests in the area and a national outrage over the safety of Dalits in Madhya Pradesh, with Bahujan Samaj Party chief and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati slamming the State government for failing to prevent atrocities against the marginalised communities.

The deceased were identified as Ghamandi Ahirwar, 60, Rajpyari Ahirwar, 58, and Manak Lal Ahirwar, 30. Manak's younger brother, Mahesh, is battling for his life at Damoh District Hospital. The victims and the accused are residents of Deonar village, nearly 240 km from State capital Bhopal.

Four persons, including the main accused, Jagdish Patel, said to be a village strongman, were arrested till Tuesday evening, while three others are on the run. Patel, who works as a security guard with a private firm, has purportedly told the police that Manak had sexually harassed his wife and the murder was to avenge the same.

According to Patel, his wife had accused Manak of harassing her, leading to an argument between the two families on Tuesday. Patel and his family members allegedly barged into the house of the Ahirwars around 6.30 a.m. on Tuesday and fired indiscriminately at them with Patel's licensed firearm, said Damoh Superintendent of Police D.R. Teniwar.

So far, there has been no evidence of any other weapon being used, Anurag, Inspector-General, Sagar Range, told reporters.

Police form teams

According to the police, the seven accused, including a woman and a man who himself was accused of molestation, then fled the spot. They have been booked for murder and attempt to murder besides other relevant provisions of the IPC and the Prevention of Atrocities Against Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Act.

The police said other angles would also be probed. At least two other theories – a land dispute and an argument between the women of the two families leading to an escalation and other members getting involved – have also emerged.

Familial histories, professional graphs lie entwined in service of the SC

SPECIAL

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The decade is set to see two Chief Justices of India (CJI) whose fathers once headed the Supreme Court. CJI-designate Justice D.Y. Chandrachud is the son of former CJI Y.V. Chandrachud. Justice B.V. Nagarathna is the daughter of former CJI E.S. Venkataramiah. Justice Nagarathna is in line to be the first woman CJI in 2027 for a month-long tenure.

Family legacy: Justice D.Y. Chandrachud will be the 50th CJI. Justice Nagarathna will be India's first woman CJI in 2027.

Justice Venkataramiah, according to George H. Gadbois Jr's *Judges of the Supreme Court of India 1950-1989*, was initially to serve as CJI for only 23 days, but his immediate predecessor, Justice R.S. Pathak, was elected to the International Court of Justice and resigned on June 18, 1989, thus extending Justice Venkataramiah's tenure as the 19th CJI to six months till his retirement in December 1989.

Justice D.Y. Chandrachud's father was the 16th CJI and the longest serving one for over seven years, from February 22, 1978, to July 11, 1985.

Justice Chandrachud, who will retire as the 50th CJI on November 10, 2024, would be succeeded to the top post by Justice Sanjiv Khanna, a nephew of Justice H.R. Khanna, whose lone dissent, which upheld personal liberty and rule of law in the Emergency-era *ADM Jabalpur* case, is reported to have cost him his Chief Justiceship in 1977.

Justice Khanna was the Law Minister for three days in the Chaudhary Charan Singh government in July 1979 when the elder Justice Chandrachud was the CJI.

Justice Nagarathna's father, Justice Venkataramiah, was sworn in as Supreme Court judge on March 8, 1979, when Justice Y.V. Chandrachud was the CJI.

But they are not the only Supreme Court judges whose familial histories and professional graphs lie entwined in service of the court.

Uncle-nephew duo

A nephew of the first Chief Justice of India, Sir H.J. Kania, served as the CJI almost 40 years later. Justice M.H. Kania was the 23rd CJI from December 1991 to November 1992.

Another uncle-nephew combination of CJIs could be found in the 21st CJI, Ranganath Misra, and the 45th CJI, Dipak Misra. There is also a grandfather-grandson combination in Justice B.P. Sinha and Justice B.P. Singh. Justice Sinha was the sixth CJI while Justice Singh served as a judge between December 2001 and July 2007.

The court has also seen the father serve as its judge while, years later, the son becomes the CJI. Justice P.N. Bhagwati is hailed for championing access to justice to people denied basic human rights. He was the 17th CJI. His father, Justice N.H. Bhagwati, served as a judge for seven years between 1952 and 1959.

The court has further witnessed the father, in this case Justice K.S. Hegde, superseded for Chief Justiceship. His son, Justice N. Santosh Hegde, became a Supreme Court judge years later. The elder Hegde resigned with Justices J.M. Shelat and A.N. Grover after they were superseded.

All three were part of the majority opinion on the 13-judge Bench which upheld the inviolability of the Basic Structure of the Constitution in the historic *Kesavananda Bharati* judgment of April 1973.

SKM to march to Raj Bhavans in all States seeking MSP, pension

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), at an online meeting held on Tuesday, decided to observe the second anniversary of the farmers' agitations on November 26 by holding protests in front of all the Raj Bhavans. Considering the differences of opinions among various farmers' organisations, the SKM also decided to frame guidelines for all its member outfits at the earliest.

Other issues such as a legally guaranteed MSP, withdrawal of the draft Electricity Bill, complete debt waivers to farmers and agriculture workers, comprehensive crop insurance scheme replacing the Prime Minister Fazal Bima Yojana and pension for poor farmers and agriculture workers after the age of 60 will also be raised during the protests.

Govt. earned ₹254 cr. from disposing of scrap: Jitendra Singh

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Centre has earned ₹254.21 crore from scrap disposal besides easing of 588 rules during the ongoing special cleanliness campaign, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Tuesday. He said 40 lakh files have been reviewed and 37.19 lakh square feet of space freed so far.

Mr. Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel, said tremendous enthusiasm is being witnessed in Ministries/department for institutionalising *Swachhata* and minimising pendency.

"Revenue of Rs 254.21 crore has been earned so far from the disposal of scrap. A total of 588 rules have been eased," he said while talking to media at his official residence here.

He said the campaign has inculcated a behavioural change and led to innovation in governance.

INBRIEF

Ex-Uttarakhand DGP booked on charges of forgery, graft

Former Uttarakhand Director-General of Police (DGP) B.S. Sidhu was booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act, and charges of criminal conspiracy, forgery, cheating and other Sections of the Indian Penal Code for fraudulently buying forest land in the State. He is accused of using the identity of a dead man to purchase land that belonged to the Forest Department. He is also accused of misusing his power and influence on the administrative staff (Tehsildar) for purchasing the land and also cutting 25 full-grown trees on the reserved area without permission.

IRS officer on run after being booked on bribery charge

Santosh Karnani, a 2005-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer posted as Additional Commissioner of Income Tax in Ahmedabad, fled from his office to evade arrest after being booked by Gujarat's Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on October 4 for allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹30 lakh. The case, which sources say might have wider ramifications, is now being investigated by the CBI. The ACB had acted on a complaint from Rupesh Brahmbhatt, who with his brother Rajesh runs one B Safal group. Mr. Brahmbhatt taped his conversations with Mr. Karnani, said a senior ACB officer who claims to have seen the transcripts.

Boy's death in crude bomb blast in Bengal sparks row

The death of a seven-year-old boy in a crude bomb explosion on Wednesday at Bhatpara in West Bengal sparked a war of words between the ruling Trinamool Congress and the Opposition parties. The boy was trying to pick up something lying beside railway tracks in North 24 Parganas district when the crude bomb went off. Another child also sustained serious injuries and his hand was blown off in the explosion. The incident occurred around 8.30 a.m. Local BJP MLA Pawan Singh, who is MP Arjun Singh's son, blamed the police and said despite bringing illegal activities to the light of the police nothing has been done. "The situation was never such before 2019," the MLA complained.

Rishi's rise triggers a war of words back in India

Ruling BJP defends itself by citing the ascension of Abdul Kalam and Manmohan Singh after various Opposition parties lament the 'majoritarian nature' of the Narendra Modi government

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A war of words broke out between the ruling BJP and the Opposition parties as Rishi Sunak was appointed the Prime Minister of U.K. While the Opposition lamented the alleged majoritarian nature of the Narendra Modi government, the BJP, countering the charge, cited A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and Manmohan Singh's rise as President and Prime Minister, respectively.

The BJP also rejected any parallels between Italian-origin Sonia Gandhi not getting prime ministership in 2004 and Britain's ruling party choosing Mr. Sunak as its leader.

"Can't differentiate between Italy-born Sonia and U.K.-born Rishi with Indian ancestry," BJP's foreign affairs department head Vijay Chauthaiwale said responding to a Twitter user.

Capturing the moment: An artist applying finishing touches to a painting of Rishi Sunak in Mumbai on Tuesday. REUTERS

Reactions from the BJP leaders came after leaders from various Opposition parties, including the Congress, appeared to take a swipe at the BJP while lauding the rise of Mr. Sunak.

PDP president and former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti said it was a proud moment, but it should also serve as a reminder that Britain had accepted an ethnic minority member as its premier but "we are still shackled by divisive and discriminatory laws like the National Register of Citizens and the Citizenship (Amendment) Act". Hitting out at Ms. Mufti, BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad, said, "Some leaders have become hyperactive against majoritarianism after the election of Rishi Sunak as Prime Minister of U.K. Gently reminding them about the extraordinary Presidency of A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Manmohan Singh as Prime Minister for 10 years. A distinguished tribal leader Droupadi Murmu is now our President."

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh asserted that India was a shining example of celebrating plurality but the past eight years of the Modi government had reversed the philosophy of "unity in diversity" so much that even England had started giving us lessons. Mr. Ramesh said the BJP under former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee also believed in the Nehruvian philosophy of inclusive leadership

Even as Congress leaders like P. Chidambaram and Shashi Tharoor tweeted that Mr. Sunak's rise can serve as a lesson for India, Mr. Ramesh said many minority community members had become Presidents and Chief Ministers.

Sunak's wife got ₹126-crore dividend from Infosys

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Akshata Murty, wife of British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, earned ₹126.61 crore in dividend income in 2022 from her shareholding in India's second-largest IT firm Infosys. Ms. Murty's tax status on income from outside the U.K. had triggered a controversy earlier this year.

Ms. Murty, daughter of Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy, held 3.89 crore shares, or 0.93%, of Infosys at the end of September, according to company filings with the stock exchanges. Her holding is worth ₹5,956 crore at Tuesday's trading price of ₹1,527.40 on the BSE.

Infosys paid ₹16 per share final dividend for 2021-22 fiscal on May 31, this year. For the current year, the firm this month announced an interim dividend of ₹16.5, according to the company's stock exchange filings. The two dividends totalled ₹32.5 per share, or ₹126.61 crore, for Ms. Murty.

Jaishankar holds talks on bilateral relations with Britain's Foreign Secretary

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Tuesday discussed relations between India and the U.K. with his British counterpart James Cleverly.

The call took place just before Mr. Cleverly was confirmed to continue in the post of Foreign Secretary by the newly appointed British Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak.

The two Ministers discussed several issues but the announcement of the telephone call did not include the state of negotiation of the India-U.K. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) which missed the Deepavali deadline that was given earlier this year by former Prime Minister Boris Johnson during his visit to India.

Union Minister S. Jaishankar with U.K. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly. FILE PHOTO

Dialogue on track

"Received a call from U.K. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly. Discussed counter-terrorism, bilateral relations and the Ukraine conflict," Dr. Jaishankar said in a social media announcement.

The telephone call showed high-level dialogue between the two sides has been on track despite the political developments in London, including the resignation of Liz Truss and appointment of Mr. Sunak as her successor.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Mr. Sunak on Monday, extended Deepavali greetings, and said that he looked "forward to working closely together on global issues, and implementing Roadmap 2030."

Roadmap 2030

The Roadmap 2030 was launched on May 4, 2021 during the India-U.K. virtual summit led by Mr. Modi and Mr. Johnson.

One of the main focus areas of the Roadmap 2030 was the Free Trade Agreement between the two countries that received further boost during Mr. Johnson's visit to India in April this year. He had announced that the deal would be ready by Deepavali.

However, both sides had reconciled to the possibility of missing that deadline last week when British media reported that the deal was "put on hold".

The official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, Arindam Bagchi, however, responded saying that the negotiation should be left to the concerned officials and the deal was on track.

Bharat Jodo Yatra completes one-third of its journey, likely to reach Kashmir in February

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharat Jodo Yatra has completed one-third of its journey having covered 1,270 km in the past 48 days, and is expected to reach Kashmir, its end point, between February 20 and 25, Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh said on Tuesday.

Mr. Ramesh said there have been seven rest days during the yatra so far and that the journey will resume on October 27 from Mahbubnagar in Telangana. It is expected to reach Nanded in Maharashtra on November 7. The 3,570-km yatra started from Kanniyakumari on September 7.

"In Andhra Pradesh, the State government tried its best to put hurdles and prevent people from coming but Anantapur and Kurnool witnessed huge number of people coming out for the yatra," Mr. Ramesh said. "Our vote share is merely 2% in A.P. but the huge response from people gives us the confidence that the yatra is realising what it sought to achieve when it was announced at Udaipur," he added.

On the march: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi waving to supporters during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Karnataka on October 10. PTI

As the yatra is currently on a three-day Deepavali break. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is in Delhi and will attend Mallikarjun Kharge's charge-taking ceremony as party president.

Ahead of the break, all Bharat Yatris, drivers and labourers working in the yatra camp received sweets, a silver coin and a letter from Mr. Gandhi as Deepavali gift.

In his letter, he said their faith in India's true values will illuminate the path forward.

"We have walked hand in hand in the beautiful Bharat Jodo Yatra – your faith, your belief in yourselves and in India's true values will defeat hate and illuminate the path forward. Don't talk, act. Don't say, show. Don't promise, prove," Mr. Gandhi said.

Kharge to take charge today

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day before formally taking charge as the Congress president, Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday called on former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at the latter's official residence.

Preparations are under way at the party headquarters for the official ceremony in which Mr. Kharge will be given the certificate of victory by Madhusudan Mistry, chief of the the party's Central Election Authority.

It will also pass a resolution to thank outgoing president Sonia Gandhi for her contribution as party chief.

Assembly elections

Mr. Kharge, the first non-Gandhi to head the party in 24 years, defeated Thiruvananthapuram MP Shashi Tharoor in a direct contest for the top post.

His elevation comes at a time when the party is at a historic low in terms of electoral performance, with the Congress now in power only in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh.

The new chief's first challenge will be to ensure good performance in the upcoming Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections.

Later in 2023, Mr. Kharge will face the uphill task of leading the Congress in nine Assembly elections, including in his home State of Karnataka.

Notice Inviting Global E-TENDER (ID:561370)

GUJSAIL

Gujarat State Aviation Infrastructure Company Limited, (GUJSAIL) A Govt. of Gujarat Undertaking, GUJSAIL Complex, Nr.Torrent Sub Station, SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad- 380 004. Ph. No.079-22882000 / 71

GUJSAIL invites Global e-Tenders for **"Procurement of Amphibious Sea Plane on Finance Lease Mode."** Through ETendering Portal. Last Date and time of Submission of bids is **12th December, 2022 up to 1800 hrs.** For detailed information log on to n-procure portal : www.nprocure.com or GUJSAIL website: www.gujsail.gujarat.gov.in. Further clarification / corrigendum if any, will be notified through n-procure portal.

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Corporate Office, MESCOM BHAVANA, Kavoor Cross Road, Bejai, Mangaluru - 575 004.
Ph: 0824-2885795, CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No. MESCOM/PROC/PURC/158/2022-PROC Date: 18.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

MESCOM invites tender for Manufacture & Supply of following materials:

Tender No.	Name of the Material proposed for Procurement	Quantity
MESCOM/ 2022-23/IND894	No.8 Guy Strain Insulators	1,50,000 Nos.
MESCOM/ 2022-23/IND895	11KV 400A DB GOS with H-frame	250 Sets

The interested eligible bidders may log on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 27.10.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.)(Proc.) Corporate Office

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GLOBAL TENDER NOTICE NO.Pur.22.17.0012/0007 DT:21.10.2022

Global Tender Notice for Supply of 'IMPORTED COKING & PCI COAL'

Work: Sealed tenders are invited for supply of 300,000 (Three Lakhs) MT of **'Imported Coking Coals'** and 75,000(Seventy Five Thousand) MT of Imported **'PCI Coal'**, with a Shipping Tolerance of +/-10% as per the specifications indicated in Tender document.

Last date & time for receipt of Tenders: 04.11.2022 by 10.30hrs(IST)

RINL/VSP intends to take the delivery of shipments tentatively from November 2022 onwards. However, the tenderer shall undertake deliveries as per clause 2.2 of Part-VII of tender. RINL/VSP reserves the right to postpone the deliveries by a period of upto 1 month beyond the contracted delivery period, without any additional financial implication to the Purchaser.

Tenderers who are interested to participate in the tender can download the tender document from the website **WWW.VIZAGSTEEL.COM (under MM->MM Tenders)** and submit their offer before 10.30 hrs IST on **04.11.2022** as per the instructions given in the Tender document. In case of difficulty in downloading of Tender document, the Tender document shall be sent by Post free of cost on written request from the Tenderer.

GENERAL MANAGER (MM)I/c

For more details & corrigendum please visit regularly www.vizagsteel.com HAR EK KAAM DESH KE NAAM

Government of Odisha
Sports & Youth Services Department
Request for Proposal

Sports & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha invites bids from leading event management agencies to the RfP on **" Engagement of Event Management Agency for FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023, Bhubaneswar - Rourkela"** . The details of the document are available al the website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in/**

Interested firms/ parties/ agencies are advised to study the RfP document carefully before submitting their bid.

Important Dates and Information :

Pre-Bid meeting - 02.11.2022 at 11.00 AM
Response to Pre-Bid queries - 04.11.2022
Last date and time of submission of proposal - 14.11.2022 up to 04:00 PM
Opening of the Technical Bid - 14.11.2022 at 5:00 PM
Technical presentation - 17.11.2022

-Sd-
Commissioner-cum-Secretary

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No.KMSCL/ED/498/2022 Date : 22.10.2022

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited from manufacturers/direct importers / loan licensees on behalf of Department of Health, Govt of Kerala for the procurement of following categories of drugs / supplies for the year 2023-24.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	Category	No. of Items
1.	KMSCL/ED/I&II/RC/2022/011 dtd. 22.10.2022	Drugs	409
2.	KMSCL/ED/III-VIII/RC/2022/012 dtd. 22.10.2022	Consumables & Surgical items	162
3.	KMSCL/ED/SPL/RC/2022/013 dtd. 22.10.2022	Specialty Drugs	149

Schedule of dates

	Date	Time
Pre-Tender meeting (online platform)	01.11.2022	11.00 am. onwards
Last date of online uploading of tenders	11.11.2022	Up to 05.00pm.
Date of technical bid opening	17.11.2022	11.00 am. onwards

Tenders shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.**

(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

भारत सरकार - अंतरिक्ष विभाग / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA - DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
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संक्षिप्त ई–निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE तिथि/ Date. 19.10.2022

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से **"सतीश धवन अंतरिक्ष केंद्र शार केजीरोप्वाइंट क्षेत्र में केंद्रीय सुरक्षा निगरानी भवन का निर्माण में विद्युतकार्य।"** (शार/सीएमडी/ई/जी2287207/2022-23, अनुमानित लागत ₹49.41 लाख), **"चरण-I में सतीश धवन अंतरिक्ष केंद्र शार के फेज-II क्षेत्र में मुख्य एवं उपवितरण पैनलों को बदलना।"** (शार/सीएमडी/ई/एच 2287208 /2022-23, अनुमानित लागत ₹55.76 लाख), **"चरण-I में सतीश धवन अंतरिक्ष केंद्र शार की फेज-II कॉलोनी में भूमिगत केबिलों को बदलना।"** (शार/सीएमडी/ई/अय 2287209/2022-23, अनुमानित लागत ₹58.02 लाख), और **"एसडीएससी शार के एसएलपी क्षेत्र में गगनयान श्रेणी-1, 2 एवं 3 का यूपीएस एवं बैटरी कक्ष का वातानुकूलित कार्य।"** (शार/सीएमडी/एसी/जे 2287210 /2022-23, अनुमानित लागत ₹56.75 लाख), हेतु मद–दर ई–निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा दस्तावेज **08.11.2022** को **14:30** बजे तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट **www.isro.gov.in** या **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** देखें।

"On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for **"Electrical works for Construction of centralized safety surveillance building at zero point area, SDSC SHAR."** (SHAR/CMD/E/G 2287207 /2022-23, Est. cost: ₹49.41 Lakhs), **"Replacement of main and sub distribution panels work at PHC-II area at SDSC SHAR under Phase-I"** (SHAR/CMD/E/H 2287208 /2022-23, Est. cost : ₹55.76 Lakhs); **"Replacement of underground cables work at PHC-II colony at SDSC SHAR under Phase I."** (SHAR/CMD/E/I 2287209 /2022-23, Est. cost : ₹58.02 Lakhs) and **"Air Conditioning Works to UPS & Battery rooms of Gaganyaan chain-1, 2 & 3 at SLP area, SDSC SHAR"** (SHAR/CMD/AC/J 2287210 /2022-23, Est.Cost: ₹56.75 Lakhs. Tender documents can be downloaded upto **08.11.2022, 14:30Hrs**. Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.

हस्ताक्षरित- समूह प्रधान, सीएमजी / एसडीएससी शार / Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Offices, Stores and Purchase Department,
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER No. 7, Dated : 21-10-2022

Tenders (Both Pre-qualification and or commercial offers) through e-procurement portal **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** are invited for suppling the following Goods/Services.

Tender No.	Nomenclature of Goods / Services	Tender value (₹. in crore) (Approx)	Last Date for submission of Tender @ 5:00 p.m.
G-54/22-23	Procurement of LED Lamps with assembly.	2.50	22-11-2022
G-55/22-23	Project Management Consultancy Services for Implementation of Online Passenger Reservation System-OPRS (AWATAR 4.0) for KSRTC.	0.50	07-11-2022
G-57/22-23	Procurement of PU Sealant.	5.00	22-11-2022
G-58/22-23	Procurement of Uniform Cloth.	10.00	22-11-2022
G-59/22-23	Procurement of Mechanical & Hydraulic Jack with Tommy Bar.	0.90	07-11-2022
G-60/22-23	Procurement of Pneumatically / Mechanically operated Minor Garage Equipments on turnkey basis.	1.10	22-11-2022
G-61/22-23	Procurement of Electrically operated Minor Garage equipments on turnkey basis.	1.10	22-11-2022
A-19/22-23	Procurement of Spring Leaves.	18.00	22-11-2022
	Short Term Tender		
G-56/22-23	Procurement of "Cold Applied Self Adhesive Polymer Modified Bituminous Composite Membrane with Aluminum Foil at the top".	2.50	03-11-2022
	Addendum/Corrigendum		
	Tender Nos.: G-04/22-23, G-05/22-23, G-21/22-23, G-26/21-22 & G-33/22-23 are cancelled due to technical reasons.		

Any further Addendum / Corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded / published through e-portal only.

Note: Interested suppliers need to register in the e-procurement portal. For further information log into **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** In case of further assistance, contact e-procurement Cell **(Phone: 080-22230960, 080-22234115).** Interested suppliers may also contact e-procurement Cell for training on bid submission. Mail to **eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com** for further information if required. In case bidders need assistance from KSRTC, they can communicate at **cosp@ksrtc.org, (Contact: 77609 90225, 77609 90224).**

Sd/- Controller of Stores & Purchases
(Tender Inviting Authority)

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INBRIEF

India reports 862 fresh COVID cases, lowest in 196 days

India logged 862 new coronavirus infections, the lowest in 196 days, taking the tally of COVID-19 cases to 4,46,44,938, while the active cases declined to 22,549, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Tuesday. The death toll climbed to 5,28,980 with three fatalities which includes two deaths reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 a.m. stated. One death has been reported from Delhi in the past 24 hours. The country had earlier reported low COVID-19 cases on April 11 when 796 infections were logged. The active cases comprise 0.05% of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate increased to 98.76%, the Ministry said. PTI

Over 700 shops in Arunachal market destroyed in fire

More than 700 shops were destroyed in a fire at a major market at Naharlagun town in Arunachal Pradesh early on Tuesday. No casualties or injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. According to Likha Radh, Extra Assistant Commissioner of the town, the fire could not be controlled in time due to the non-availability of water filling stations at Naharlagun. The fire tenders had to move to an iron factory out of town for filling water. They controlled the fire but not before much of the damage had been done, officials said. A relief camp has been set up for residents of the area, said a police official. PTI

ESIC scheme added 14.62 lakh new members in August: NSO

Around 14.62 lakh new members joined the ESIC-run social security scheme in August 2022, according to official data released on Tuesday. The data is part of a report – *Payroll Reporting in India: An Employment Perspective - August 2022* – released by the National Statistical Office. It shows that gross new enrolments with Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) rose to 1.49 crore in 2021-22, from 1.15 crore in 2020-21. From September 2017 to March 2018, around 83.35 lakh new subscribers joined the ESIC scheme. The report is based on the payroll data of new subscribers of various social security schemes. PTI

Embassy asks Indians to leave Ukraine immediately

In a fresh advisory, the Indian embassy in Ukraine on Tuesday asked all Indians there to leave the country immediately in view of increasing hostilities. The new advisory came less than a week after a similar advisory was issued following the deteriorating security situation in Ukraine. "In continuation of the advisory issued by the embassy on October 19, all Indian citizens in Ukraine are advised to immediately leave Ukraine by available means," the embassy said. The embassy has asked the Indian nationals to contact it for any guidance or assistance to travel to the Ukrainian border. PTI

Indian envoy meets Kenyan President over 'abduction' of two men

Ministry calls case 'very disturbing'; envoy expresses 'deep concern'; head of the now-disbanded Special Services Unit of the Kenya Police, which is alleged to have kidnapped the duo, among held

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Authorities in Kenya on Monday produced four police officials in court over the disappearance of two Indian nationals who have been missing since July 21. The arrested police officials include the head of the now-disbanded Special Services Unit (SSU) and his assistants. The External Affairs Ministry said the Indian envoy to Kenya, Namgya Khampa, met President William Ruto on Monday and conveyed "deep concern".

"The case is under active investigation by the Internal Affairs Unit (IAU) of the Kenyan Police. We have noted that several people have been taken into custody in this connection, including officials of the Special Services Unit. The specific circumstances surrounding the abduction and subsequent lack of information is very disturbing," said the official spokesperson of the Ministry, Arindam Bagchi.

Concealed details: Authorities are yet to reveal the reason for the disappearance of Zulfikar Ahmad Khan and his friend.

The Ministry has been closely following the case, but this is the first time that it described the case as "very disturbing". The remarks came soon after the arrests.

Zulfikar Ahmad Khan, former COO of Balaji Telefilms, and his friend Mohamed Zaid Sami Kidwai left for Kenya in the summer and had been in contact with their families and friends before they went missing.

Last weekend, Denis Itumbi, an aide to President William Ruto, announced that Mr. Khan and Mr. Sami and their Kenyan driver were kidnapped and killed by the members belonging to the SSU. Mr. Khan's friends have maintained that they would wait for the forensic examinations to be over. The press release from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions revealed that Mr. Khan and Mr. Sami were kidnapped on July 23.

On Monday, *The Nation*, Kenya's leading newspaper, reported that some clothes and human remains were discovered in the mountains north of the capital Nairobi and were sent for examination. Mr. Bagchi announced that the Kenyan High Commissioner was summoned on Sunday to convey concerns about the case.

Mr. Khan worked as one of the top officials of Balaji Telefilms, a leading entertainment house in India, till May. *The Hindu* has learned from reliable sources that Mr. Khan left the organisation because of financial losses that the company had faced in the recent past.

The Kenyan authorities are yet to reveal what might have brought Mr. Kidwai and Mr. Khan into the radar of the unit which was known for its crackdown against criminals, terrorists, and narcotics networks. Initial reports had described Mr. Khan as a "cyberexpert" which has been denied by his friends.

'Burning of fossil fuels killed over 3 lakh Indians in 2020'

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

An estimated over 3,30,000 people died in India due to exposure to particulate matter from fossil fuel combustion in 2020, says the 2022 report of *The Lancet countdown on health and climate change: health at the mercy of fossil fuels*, released on Tuesday. The report adds that from 2000-2004 to 2017-2021, heat-related deaths increased by 55% in India.

The new findings presented in the seventh annual global report of the *Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change* also pointed to the fact that governments and companies continue to follow strategies that increasingly threaten the health and survival of people, and future generations.

Among other findings in the report, 45% of urban centres in India are classified as moderately green or above. Giving an indication of the economic loss, the report states that in 2021, Indians lost 16,720 crore potential labour hours due to heat exposure with income losses equivalent to about 5.4% of the national GDP.

Stating that climate change is amplifying the health impacts of multiple crises, the report further found that from 2012 to 2021, infants aged under one experienced a higher number of heatwave days.

Additionally, it added that the duration of the growth season for maize has decreased by 2%, compared with a 1981-2010 baseline, while rice and winter wheat have each decreased by 1%.

Warning that governments are not focusing on the issue as much as required, it said that in 2019, India had a net negative carbon price, indicating that the government was effectively subsidising fossil fuels.

"India allocated a net 34 billion USD [around ₹2,80,000 crore] to this in 2019 alone, equivalent to 37.5% of the country's national health spending that year. Biomass accounted for 61% of household energy in 2019, while fossil fuels accounted for another 20%. With this high reliance on these fuels, average household concentrations of particulate matter exceeded the WHO recommendation by 27-fold nationally and 35-fold in rural homes," the report said.

After outcry, museum on Bengal Muslims sealed in Assam; two persons held

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Local authorities in western Goalpara district of Assam sealed a Miya Museum on Tuesday, two days after it was inaugurated by an organisation representing migrant Muslims.

A team led by Lakhipur circle officer Rajib Gogoi evicted the items displayed at the museum at Dapkarbhita near Lakhipur town before sealing it. The reason cited was that it was a house built under the Prime Minister's Awas Yojana-Grameen scheme but converted into a museum.

The local authorities swung into action soon after Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma reacted to the setting up of the museum, which showcased items intrinsic to the lifestyle and culture of the Bengal Muslims. Often viewed by the indigenous communities as "illegal immigrants" or "Bangladeshis", this category of Muslims settled down in Assam since the late 1890s when they were brought by the British for commercial farming.

BJP leaders had said the museum was set up to intimidate the indigenous groups of the State

"Those who opened the Miya Museum without intimating the government what would be on display will be made answerable. We will investigate how they received the funds to set up and operate the museum," Mr. Sarma told presspersons.

The police later detained Mohar Ali of Goalpara and Abdul Baten of Dhubri in connection with the setting up of the museum. "Further investigation and interrogation would be carried out about their association with AQIS [Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent]/ABT [Ansarullah Bangla Team, a Bangladesh-based terror group]," Assam's Special Director-General of Police, G.P. Singh said.

Soon after members of the Miya Parishad unveiled the museum on October 23, BJP leaders urged the government to pull it down. They said it was set up to intimidate the indigenous groups. "A private museum on a sensitive issue will set a bad precedent," Prasanta Phukan, BJP MLA, said.

India, China should seek a common ground for development, says envoy

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

As neighbours, it is natural for China and India to have some differences but the focus should be to seek common ground for development while resolving the pending issues through dialogue, outgoing Chinese Ambassador to India Sun Weidong said on Tuesday.

His comments came at the end of his tenure of a little over three years that saw the ties between the countries coming under severe strain following the Galwan Valley clashes in 2020. "China and India are important neighbours to each other. It is only natural to have some differences. The key is how to handle the differences," Mr. Sun said in his farewell remarks.

> The two sides should strive to manage and resolve differences, and look for a proper solution through dialogue and consultation
>
> **SUN WEIDONG**
> Chinese Ambassador to India

"We should be aware that the common interests of the two countries are greater than differences. Meanwhile, the two sides should strive to manage and resolve differences, and look for a proper solution through dialogue and consultation, instead of defining China-India relations by differences," he said.

Mr. Sun said the two countries need to respect each other's political systems and development paths, and uphold the principle of non-interference.

"If the Western theory of geopolitics is applied to the China-India relationship, then major neighbouring countries like us will inevitably view each other as threats and rivals. Consequently, competition and confrontation will be the main mode of interaction, and zero-sum game will be inevitable result," he said.

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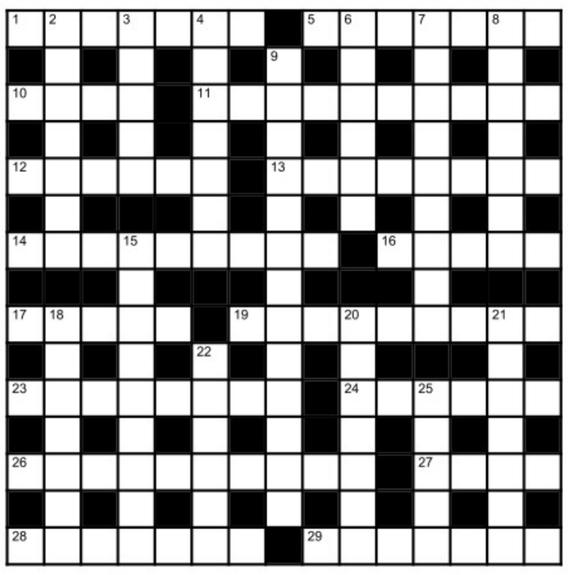

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5 Central American State locks up a mine (7)
10 Most of us consume protein-rich food (4)
11 Ram's shaving equipment? (4-6)
12 Yankee factory hand missing wife's delivery (6)
13 Naive engineer grants sign-on without limits (8)
14 Extremely clunky irons that symbolise death (9)
16 Poem about enthralling, endless song (5)
17 Guts of Osama when rattled (5)
19 Stall in church is set on its dais (9)
23 Astrologer welcomes son, a composer of devotional songs (8)
24 Swallows tea, nuts and alcoholic drink (4,2)
26 Surprisingly, her stand on ousting National Government is perverse (10)
27 Kid daughter goes missing in moor (4)
28 Token from OTP, my spouse saves after withdrawal (7)
29 Exposed Unionist called, trapping Republican (7)

Down

2 Study covering difficulties encountered in passing? (7)
3 Smuggled note in sponge (5)
4 Old knight charges ahead (7)
6 A school's chief visiting faculty is not to be seen (6)
7 Buried Iraqi near the dog shelters (9)
8 Shortened name of old city adopted by American civil rights movement's leaders (7)
9 Freshly cut, sliced potato in can (6,7)
15 Large corroded plates crackled (7,2)
18 It is difficult to grasp Avtaar's tale involving hate ultimately overcoming love (7)
20 Shooter packs ten gunny bags (7)
21 'Endless Hope" - cryptic clue about Shelley's first minor work (7)
22 Tea-shop broadcast introduction of bajra rotis (6)
25 Watch money getting deposited in bank (5)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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7	2	5	3	8	9	1	4	6
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FAITH

Tulasi – dear to Kesava

Nammazhvar, in his Thiruviruttam, points to the sacredness of tulasi, said P.T. Seshadri, in a discourse. Nammazhvar imagines himself to be Parankusa Nayaki, a girl pining for Krishna's love. Parankusa Nayaki's anxious mother sends for a woman fortune teller and asks her to suggest a remedy for her daughter's problem. The fortune teller says that what ails her daughter is no ordinary disease, and ordinary medicines will be of no use. Tulasi is the only medicine that will help, says the fortune teller. She advises Parankusa Nayaki's mother to place around her daughter's neck a tulasi garland that has adorned the Lord. Or she could place a tulasi leaf on her head. Even a tulasi stalk can be placed on her head. Or the root of the tulasi plant can be put on her head. Even the soil in which a tulasi plant grew can be placed on her head and will cure her, says the fortune teller.

Padma Purana has the story of tulasi's birth. When the milky ocean was churned and nectar was obtained, an auspicious drop of water from Lord Narayana's eyes fell into the nectar pot and tulasi came from this. Padma Purana has a sloka which begins with the words "tulasi amrita janmaasi," where not only is tulasi's birth from nectar mentioned, but the purpose of her birth is also mentioned. The sloka says that tulasi is dear to Lord Kesava, and that she is being plucked only to be offered to Kesava. The sloka ends with a prayer for tulasi's blessings. Prahlada recites this sloka in Padma Purana and says it should be recited before plucking tulasi leaves. Manavala Mamunigal too says this sloka must be recited before plucking tulasi leaves.

WASHINGTON

Ash Carter, defence chief who opened combat to women, dies

Former Defence Secretary Ash Carter, who opened combat jobs to women and ended a ban on transgender people serving in the military, has died at age 68. He died on Monday evening after suffering a heart attack in Boston. Mr. Carter was a nuclear expert, three-time Pentagon executive, budget guru and academician. AP

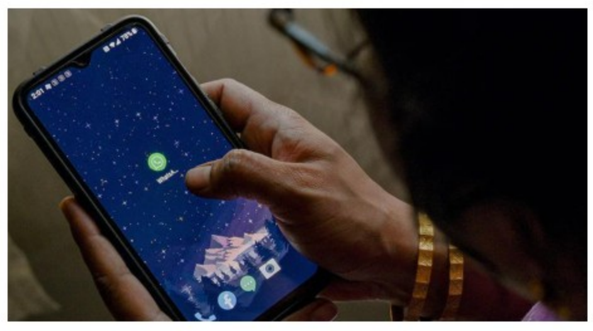
NABLUS

Six Palestinians killed after Israeli troops conduct raids in West Bank

Six Palestinians were killed in sweeping Israeli raids on Tuesday in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian Health Ministry said, in what the Army described as an assault targeting the emerging "Lion's Den" armed group. Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid said that Wadih Al Houh, leader of the group, was among those killed. AFP

PARIS

Meta says WhatsApp outage is now fixed after billions were affected



U.S. tech giant Meta said it had resolved a major WhatsApp outage that prevented many of the billions of users of its popular service from connecting or sending messages. Problems with the instant messaging app were reported by monitoring site Downdetector and user complaints on social media on Tuesday morning. AFP

TEHRAN

Iran students protest after girls beaten in crackdown by officials

Iranian students heckled a top official and raised anti-government slogans on Tuesday, a day after security forces were accused of beating schoolgirls amid a crackdown on protests over Mahsa Amini's death. Security forces were seen firing tear gas after massing outside a girls vocational school in Tehran on Monday. AP

Focus on India-U.K. ties as Sunak becomes British PM

I want to make sure that it's easy for our students to also travel to India and learn; it's a two-way relationship, and that's the type of change I want to bring to that relationship, Sunak said recently

Press Trust of India
LONDON

India's bilateral relations with the U.K. may well be poised to see greater two-way exchanges as Rishi Sunak was installed as Britain's first Indian-origin Prime Minister on Tuesday.

Mr. Sunak, 42, was elected the Conservative Party leader on Monday, marking a very special Diwali for the former Chancellor of Exchequer who entered 10 Downing Street as the youngest British Prime Minister in 210 years.

His vision for India-U.K. bilateral ties has gone beyond the opportunity for the U.K. to sell things in India, wanting Britain to also "learn from India".

"The U.K. doesn't have a monopoly on opportunity. There's an enormous amount of opportunity in India, we also want to make sure that if this living bridge is going to be a real thing, we have got to make it easier for people in the U.K. to go to India, to study at world-class institutions to go work in all these amazing start-ups," Mr. Sunak said recently when he was the Chancellor.

"I want to make sure that it's easy for our students to also travel to India and learn, that it's also easy for our companies and Indian companies to work together because it's not just a one-way relationship, it's a two-way relationship, and that's the type of change I want to bring to that relationship," he said.

Mr. Sunak's historic milestone as the country's first non-white Prime Minister is being widely celebrated as a sign of the diversity of modern-day Britain.

Mr. Sunak, whose parents – retired doctor Yashvir and pharmacist Usha Sunak – are of Indian descent, tracing their migration route from Kenya to the U.K. in the 1960s. His grandparents originated from British India but their birthplace Gujranwala lies in modern day Pakistan's Punjab province.

The devout Hindu former minister, who swore his oath of allegiance on being elected MP in the House of Commons on the 'Bhagavad Gita', also found time for darshan at the famous Bhaktivedanta Manor ISKCON temple during the course of the long campaign and had members of the Indian diaspora praying for his success.

The way to No. 10

Rishi Sunak on Tuesday made history by becoming Britain's first Indian-origin Prime Minister. Charting his rise to the top:

2015: Sunak is elected Conservative MP for Richmond, Yorkshire

2018: Under Prime Minister Theresa May, he is given his first ministerial job as number three at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

July 2019: He endorses Boris Johnson for PM and is rewarded by the new leader with a job as Treasury Minister under then Chancellor Sajid Javid

February 2020: After Javid resigns over a power battle, Johnson promotes Sunak to the role of Chancellor — making him the first Minister of Indian origin to hold one of the highest offices in the British government

July 2022: Sunak resigns as Chancellor

July 8: He launches bid to succeed Johnson

July 20: He races ahead with 137 votes as the front-runner, to face off Liz Truss

September 5: Truss defeats Sunak in the Conservative Party leadership race to become the new PM

October 19: Truss resigns amid an open revolt

October 25: Sunak becomes Britain's first Indian-origin Prime Minister

Russia is performing 'secret work' at Zaporizhzhia plant, says Ukraine's nuclear agency

Associated Press
KYIV

Ukraine's nuclear energy operator said on Tuesday that Russian forces were performing secret work at Europe's largest nuclear power plant, activity that could shed light on Russia's claims that Kyiv's forces are preparing a "provocation" involving a radioactive device.

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu made an allegation that Ukraine was preparing to launch a so-called dirty bomb. Mr. Shoigu made the charge in calls to his British, French, Turkish and U.S. counterparts over the weekend. Britain, France, and the U.S. rejected it out of hand as "transparently false."

Russia had alleged that Ukraine was preparing to launch a so-called dirty bomb

Ukraine also dismissed Moscow's claim as an attempt to distract attention from the Kremlin's own alleged plans to detonate a dirty bomb, which uses explosives to scatter radioactive waste in an effort to sow terror.

Energoatom, the Ukrainian state enterprise that operates the country's four nuclear power plants, said Russian forces have carried out secret construction work over the last week at the occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine.

Russian officers controlling the area won't give access to Ukrainian staff running the plant or monitors from the UN's atomic energy watchdog that would allow them to see what they are doing, Energoatom said in a statement issued Tuesday.

Energoatom said it "assumes ... (the Russians) are preparing a terrorist act using nuclear materials and radioactive waste stored at (the plant)."

It said there were 174 containers at the plant's dry spent fuel storage facility, each of them containing 24 assemblies of spent nuclear fuel.

Zelensky asks for $38 bn as Russia shells Bakhmut

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Tuesday asked the international community to cover an expected budget deficit of $38 billion next year for his war-torn country, with Moscow's invasion also badly hitting the economy.

Fatal Russian shelling meanwhile was pummelling the eastern Donbas city of Bakhmut.

At an international reconstruction conference for Ukraine in Berlin, Mr. Zelensky urged European leaders to offer greater financial support for his country. "We need to make a decision on assistance to cover next year's budget deficit for Ukraine," Mr. Zelensky said.

Cyclone Sitrang kills at least 24 people in Bangladesh

Associated Press
DHAKA

A cyclone that lashed Bangladesh left at least 24 people dead and about 8 million without power across the delta nation, officials and news reports said on Tuesday.

The government said about 10,000 homes were damaged and more than 6,000 hectares of crops were destroyed.

Thousands of fishing projects were also washed away.

The United News of Bangladesh news agency said about 20,000 people were marooned because of flooding triggered by tidal surges in the southern coastal district of Bhola.

Cyclone Sitrang brewed in the Bay of Bengal before turning north toward Bangladesh's vast coast, prompting authorities to evacuate hundreds of thousands of people to cyclone shelters on Monday.

Heavy rain battered the country throughout the day, flooding many areas in the coastal regions across southern and southwestern Bangladesh.

The storm weakened on Tuesday afternoon, with maximum sustained wind speeds of 65 kmph and wind gusts up to 85 kmph. The weather office in the capital, Dhaka, which had recorded gusts up to 88 kmph on Monday evening, said the danger had passed.

Pitter-patter: A woman wading through clogged tidal water in Kalapara after Cyclone Sitrang hit Bangladesh on Tuesday. AFP

Meloni says Italy is committed to Europe

Agence France-Presse
ROME

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni confirmed her government's support for the European Union, NATO and Ukraine on Tuesday in her first address to parliament.

The 45-year-old, who was sworn in as Italy's first woman premier on Saturday, also rejected any links with her country's fascist past, saying she had "never felt sympathy or closeness to undemocratic regimes... including fascism".

"Italy is fully part of Europe and the Western world," Ms. Meloni told the lower house of parliament, adding that it would "continue to be a reliable partner of NATO in supporting Ukraine".

Myanmar military's air strikes kill 80

Associated Press
BANGKOK

Air strikes by Myanmar's military killed as many as 80 people, including singers and musicians, who were attending an anniversary celebration of the Kachin ethnic minority's main political organisation, members of the group and a rescue worker said on Monday.

The reported attack comes three days before Southeast Asian Foreign Ministers are to hold a special meeting in Indonesia to discuss widening violence in Myanmar.

The number of casualties at Sunday night's celebration, held by the Kachin Independence Organisation in the northern state of Kachin, appeared to be the most in a single air attack since the military seized power in February 2021 from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi.

Initial reports put the death toll at around 60, but later tallies estimated the number of victims to be 80.

It was impossible to independently confirm details of the incident, though media sympathetic to the Kachin posted videos showing what was said to be the attack's aftermath, with splintered and flattened wooden structures.

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RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION - WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

The Medical Superintendent, ESIC Hospital Ezhukone invites application for the post of medical officers on contract basis for Senior Residents & Full Time/Part Time Specialists in different specialties.

Date of Walk - in - interview - **01.11.2022 - 10:00 AM at ESIC Hospital Ezhukone.**

For details, please refer our website : **www.esic.nic.in/recruitments**

Sd/- **Medical Superintendent**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION: E-Procurement

The Executive Engineer, Koppal District, Koppal invites tenders who are registered eligible Electrical Contractors for, Chief Ministers Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Scheme in CMC Koppal Urban Local Body limit in Koppal District of Karnataka State as per Price Schedule listed in **E-Procurement Portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Brief Description: CMC Koppal Indent No: DMA/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT139989. **Approximate value of work (Rs. In Lakhs):** 400.00. **EMD (in Lakhs):** 6.00. **Period of Completion (Months):** 9.

Available of Tender Forms (Through Online): **21-10-2022 Morning 10:00am onwards.** Date of Pre-Bid Meeting : **27-10-2022 Moring 10.30am.** Date of Quaries: **27-10-2022 Evening 5.30am.** Last Date for Submission of Tender: **21-11-2022 Evening 5:30pm.** Date of Technical Bid opening Tenders: **23-11-2022 Morning 10:00 am.**

Sd/-Executive Engineer, DUDC, Koppal District
DIPR/Koppal/397/MCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through E-Procurement Mode)

KPTCL invites bids from the eligible bidders to **Execute One Civil Work. Under the jurisdiction of the Superintending Engineer(Ele), Transmission (Maint), BMAZ North Circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru, invited through "e-Procurement" portal.**

The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "e-Procurement-KPTCL" or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **28.10.2022.**

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Ref: Gm/CC/05/2022-23 Date:24-10-2022

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INBRIEF

COAI for bringing all OTT players under regulation

The Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) on Tuesday pitched for regulating all OTT players, including communication over-the-top (OTT) players such as WhatsApp, and those such as Netflix that consumed huge bandwidth. "Regulation on communications OTTs as well as OTTs consuming humongous bandwidth is a necessity. There is a need to ensure a level-playing field among all technologies, so that a fair and healthy competition prevails in the industry," the industry association said.

'Political stability in U.K. may give impetus to FTA with India'

Rishi Sunak becoming the U.K.'s PM is likely to give much-needed momentum to the ongoing talks for the proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between India and Britain, trade experts said. "The development will definitely help in giving much-needed momentum to the talks," Federation of Indian Export Organisations vice chairman Khalid Khan said. Bilateral trade increased to $17.5 billion in 2021-22 compared with $13.2 billion in 2020-21. PTI

Embassy REIT to invest ₹2,200 cr. in office buildings

Embassy Office Parks REIT will invest about ₹2,200 crore in the next four years to develop premium work spaces as it sees 'tremendous' growth potential in the office market despite global recessionary concerns, CEO Vikaash Khdloya said. In an interview with PTI, he said demand for office space in India would remain strong as large global companies want to open offices in India because of the huge availability of a cost-efficient talent pool and cheap rentals. PTI

'India's exports to China growing faster than inbound shipments'

PLI schemes for different sectors will help reduce dependence on imports over time; technical regulations framed for products such as toys, electronics, chemicals and fertilizers will check sub-standard imports, says government official

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's trade equation with China has been improving in recent years with outbound shipments rising faster than imports, whose growth is being driven largely by vital raw materials and to meet demand from high-growth sectors such as telecom and power, a senior government official said.

China is one of India's large trading partners, with trade flows between the two countries having grown 59% from about $72 billion in 2014-15 (FY15), to $115.4 billion in FY22.

Trade balance: Major imports from China include electronics, IT hardware, telecom gear and organic chemicals. PTI

"Since India-China trade started picking up, the growth in exports to China has been much higher than the import growth," a Commerce Ministry official told *The Hindu*. From $11.9 billion in FY15, India's exports to China had risen 78.1% to $21.25 billion last year, while imports stood at $94.16 billion, 55.8% over the $60.4 billion recorded in FY15. By contrast, imports from China had increased 192% between 2006-07 and 2013-14, when they had crossed $51 billion, he pointed out.

Intermediate goods account for more than a third of India's imports from China, while capital goods constitute another 19.3%, with telecom and power sector gear being key drivers, which helped meet domestic demand in these fast-expanding sectors, the official said. The major items of import from China are electronic components, computer hardware and peripherals, telecom instruments, organic chemicals, industrial machinery for dairy, residual chemicals and allied products, electronic instruments, bulk drugs and intermediates.

The production-linked incentive schemes for different sectors will help reduce the dependence on such imports over time, even as technical regulations framed for products such as toys, electronics, chemicals and fertilizers will check sub-standard imports, he emphasised.

Usha eyes 25% rise in appliance sales

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Usha International is eyeing growth of at least 25% in its appliance business during the festival season, amid concerns over inflationary pressures, on the back of pent-up demand, a senior official said.

The company has already seen growth of more than 50% till August this year, and is also looking at 'range expansion' to be available across price points. "We are looking at multiple new launches across segments," Saurabh Baishakhia, president, appliances, said.

"This year, in terms of growth, the appliances industry is in a very good space," he added.

"Usually, July-September is a lull period but with the economy and the lockdown opening up, there was a lot of pent-up demand. I find that trend continues."

He added inflation and rupee depreciation were matters of concern.

World in 'first truly global energy crisis,' says IEA's Birol

Reuters
SINGAPORE

Tightening markets for LNG worldwide and major oil producers cutting supply have brought on 'the first truly global energy crisis,' International Energy Agency (IEA) head Fatih Birol said. He said the world would still need Russian oil despite a price cap, with between 80% to 90% an "encouraging level" to meet demand.

SC remits GM plea on sacked workers' pay

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Pune Industrial Court had ordered 50% monthly pay to 1,086 sacked workers

The Supreme Court has disposed of a petition filed by General Motors India Pvt. Ltd. seeking to quash a Pune Industrial Court order on the payment of 50% monthly salary to 1,086 retrenched workers.

In September, the Bombay High Court had rejected a writ petition filed by GM to set aside the industrial court order. Workers at GM's Talegaon unit had moved the Industrial Court in July 2021 after lay-offs.

"Though the learned senior counsel for the petitioners argued vehemently with regard to the very jurisdiction of the Industrial Court, we feel that it is an aspect which would be looked into by the Industrial Court ultimately," said the judges in the order.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,544	-0.48
US Dollar	82.81	0.08
Gold	50,702	1.12
Brent oil	93.82	-

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3300.50	-9.30
Adani Ports	800.35	-5.15
Apollo Hosp	4404.05	-6.10
Asian Paints	3084.90	-36.75
Axis Bank	902.85	-6.60
Bajaj Auto	3654.10	-45.70
Bajaj Finserv	1658.55	-43.25
Bajaj Finance	7102.90	-103.60
Bharti Airtel	802.30	0.20
BPCL	302.60	1.85
Britannia Ind	3713.10	-88.75
Cipla	1155.90	9.00
Coal India	239.95	-0.55
Divis Lab	3597.15	-15.30
Dr Reddys Lab	4442.35	64.85
Eicher Motors	3710.65	69.45
Grasim Ind	1714.70	15.65
HCL Tech	1026.50	-5.10
HDFC	2356.70	-36.30
HDFC Bank	1450.90	-10.15
HDFC Life	533.45	-8.10
Hero MotoCorp	2585.60	3.70
Hindalco	398.40	2.85
Hind Unilever	2505.40	-67.70
ICICI Bank	925.05	-1.25
IndusInd Bank	1137.45	-8.40
Infosys	1526.30	8.45
ITC	346.30	-1.40
JSW Steel	644.35	14.75
Kotak Bank	1846.60	-49.20
L&T	1949.10	39.35
M&M	1281.40	10.45
Maruti Suzuki	9005.00	239.55
NestleIndia	20282.40	-592.65
NTPC	169.35	2.40
ONGC	130.75	-2.05
PowerGrid Corp	218.50	-0.35
Reliance Ind	2441.55	-38.30
SBI Life	1254.85	-2.75
State Bank	578.55	8.05
Sun Pharma	991.55	4.55
TataConsumerProduct	766.95	-4.00
Tata Motors	404.55	2.95
Tata Steel	101.20	0.00
TCS	3162.10	0.40
Tech Mahindra	1082.50	34.35
Titan	2670.30	-13.60
UltraTech Cement	6415.70	21.10
UPL	694.45	-13.65
Wipro	384.65	-0.05

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 25

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.53	82.85
Euro	81.40	81.72
British Pound	93.41	93.78
Japanese Yen (100)	55.42	55.64
Chinese Yuan	11.29	11.34
Swiss Franc	82.34	82.66
Singapore Dollar	57.91	58.14
Canadian Dollar	60.11	60.38
Malaysian Ringitt	17.42	17.50
Australian Dollar	52.14	52.35

Source:Indian Bank

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CRICKET

Simmons out as West Indies coach after T20 World Cup exit

West Indies head coach Phil Simmons will leave his post after the upcoming Test series with Australia following the team's first round exit from the T20 World Cup, Cricket West Indies said on Monday. CWI said Simmons would step down after overseeing the two-Test series which gets under way in Perth on November 30.

BADMINTON

Sindhu back in the world's top-5; Prannoy moves to 12th

P.V. Sindhu and H.S. Prannoy gained a spot each to reach the fifth and 12th positions in the women's and men's singles world badminton rankings. Sindhu now has 87,218 points from 26 tournaments and Prannoy 64,330 points from 26 tournaments. Lakshya Sen and K. Srikanth remained static at No. 8 and 11.

GOLF

McIlroy regains World No. 1 ranking with CJ Cup triumph

Rory McIlroy held on for a one-stroke victory in the USPGA Tour CJ Cup on Sunday to return to the top of the world rankings for the ninth time in his career. The four-time Major winner is back atop the rankings for the first time since July 2020 — when he was supplanted by Spain's Jon Rahm.

KABADDI

Aslam stars for Puneri Paltan; Meetu does it for Steelers

Puneri Paltan produced an exemplary performance to beat Jaipur Pink Panthers 32-24 in the Pro Kabaddi League in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Aslam Inamdar's 13 points proved to be the difference between the sides. Raider Meetu Sharma (13 points) was in superb form as Haryana Steelers thrashed Telugu Titans 43-24.

Imperious Kohli asserts his class with one of the best-ever Twenty20 knocks

A knock marked by expansive strokes, indomitable belief, sheer power and fluid timing, the kind that would get instant approval from King Richards

Exquisite: Kohli effortlessly despatches Nawaz into the stands. AP

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
SYDNEY

A day before Virat Kohli essayed one of the greatest knocks in Twenty20 Internationals, the former India captain had a moment of quiet reflection. He was at the nets on Saturday, finessing his batting ahead of Sunday's ICC T20 World Cup clash against Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

The practice arena is an enclosed space with high walls surrounded by a little road that skirts up. For the fans and media personnel, a good view was all about getting to the highest point and looking down at the maestro. There were throw-downs to be countered while fellow Indian pacers and spinners lubricated their bowling arms and R. Ashwin even raised an lbw appeal.

Coach Rahul Dravid, all winnowing steps, crinkled grin and sharp eyes, observed Kohli. Suddenly the fans on the wall behind the batter, raised their decibel levels. Kohli backed away and looked up. He then spoke to the support staff and batting coach Vikram Rathour requested the ardent followers to pipe down. A grudging silence reigned and Kohli was back to his shots, with a few threatening the net's tenuous roof. If he preferred alone-in-a-crowd moment at training, at the MCG the next day, he became the opposite – a limelight-moth seeking applause from the 90,293 cricketing devotees who thronged the stands. The pressure of a steep target after four batters had departed, was countered by Kohli's steely resolve and throbbing adrenaline.

This was an innings that had all those glorious Kohli traits. An eager-beaver style often reminiscent of Pakistani great Javed Miandad wherein the scoreboard kept ticking over, and when pushed against the wall, those expansive strokes mounted on indomitable belief, sheer power and fluid timing, the kind that would get instant approval from Vivian Richards.

Unforgettable

In the 19th over when Pakistan was still ahead, Kohli struck two sixes off Haris Rauf. The first an incredible stand-and-deliver lofted effort down the ground, a shot that will be preserved in memory's archives like Sachin Tendulkar's uppercut six off Shoaib Akhtar during the 2003 World Cup game in South Africa.

The next reflected the alacrity of a pickpocket in a packed bus, he just moved across and flicked the seamer over fine-leg, and it took a while for people to realise what had transpired.

Kohli had done enough to set up the final over with 16 required and the rest is all feverish history. Great players impose their will on sport, Kohli did precisely that. The 113-run fifth-wicket partnership with Hardik Pandya was the pivot from which Kohli flew towards his unbeaten 82 off 53 deliveries.

"I have always said Mohali (2016 T20 WC) was my best innings, against Australia: I got 82 off 51. Today I got 82 off 53. I will count this one higher because of the magnitude of the game and what the situation was," Kohli said on Sunday.

If this is his second-wind, Indian cricket will prosper. The nail-biting four-wicket victory over Pakistan, perhaps being the first step on a fresh road.

Virat's T20I journey

M	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg.	SR	100s/50s
110	102	**3794**	122*	51.97	138.41	1/34

Today's matches

Ireland vs. England
Melbourne, **9.30 a.m.** IST
H2H IN T20Is
Played **1**
NR **1**

New Zealand vs. Afghanistan
Melbourne, **1.30 p.m.** IST
H2H IN T20Is
Played **1**
New Zealand **1** | Afghanistan **0**

Stoinis blitz propels Australia past Lanka

Ruthless: Stoinis hastened the hosts' victory with the fastest T20 half-century by an Aussie. AFP

Reuters
PERTH

Marcus Stoinis bludgeoned Australia's fastest T20 half-century on Tuesday as his side crushed Sri Lanka by seven wickets.

After being beaten by New Zealand in the opening match of the Super 12, Australia elected to field on Tuesday and restricted Sri Lanka to 157 for six. The Aussies had to make do without the services of leg-spinner Adam Zampa, who was ruled out after testing positive for COVID-19.

The hosts replied with 158 for three in 16.3 overs, led by Stoinis who struck six powerful sixes in his unbeaten 59 off 18 balls. Skipper Aaron Finch finished on 31 not out.

Innovative strokeplay by Glenn Maxwell (23) injected impetus into Australia's chase, though it was Stoinis who delivered the knockout blow.

Earlier, Australia's seamers combined for three wickets with a barrage of pace and bounce which set Sri Lanka back.

The scores: Sri Lanka 157/6 in 20 overs (Pathum Nissanka 40, Dhananjaya de Silva 26, Charith Asalanka 38 n.o.) lost to Australia 158/3 in 16.3 overs (Aaron Finch 31 n.o., Marcus Stoinis 59 n.o.). **MoM:** Stoinis.

Rain denies South Africa; Bangladesh posts win

Agence France-Presse
HOBART

Rain frustrated South Africa's hopes of beginning its campaign with a bang as it was forced to share points with Zimbabwe after the match was washed out, but Bangladesh beat the Netherlands to win a first-ever Super 12 game, on Monday.

Quinton de Kock was unbeaten on 47 off just 18 balls when the players were forced off for the final time with South Africa, chasing a rain-revised target of 64 in seven overs, well on course to win at 51 for no loss in three overs.

Zimbabwe managed 79 for five after electing to bat.

Zimbabwe slipped to 19 for four inside three overs before Wesley Madhevere hit 35 off 18 balls and put on a 55-run stand with Milton Shumba, who made 18.

It was celebration for Bangladesh with pace bowler Taskin Ahmed returning figures of four for 25 in his team's nine-run win.

Strike mode: Taskin's four-wicket haul put paid to any hopes the Dutch had of making a match of it. AFP

The Dutch held Bangladesh to 144 for eight with Paul van Meekeren becoming his country's joint all-time T20 wicket-taker.

But they got off to a horror start in the run chase, losing two wickets off the first two balls to Taskin, then suffered two run-outs in one over to slump to 15 for four.

Colin Ackermann, with 62, played a lone hand, making his maiden T20 half-century as the Netherlands was all out for 135.

The scores:

Bangladesh 144/8 in 20 overs (Najmul Hossain 25, Afif Hossain 38; Paul van Meekeren 2/21, Bas de Leede 2/29) bt Netherlands 135 in 20 overs (Colin Ackerman 62; Taskin Ahmed 4/25, Hasan Mahmud 2/15). **MoM:** Taskin.

Zimbabwe 79/5 in nine overs (Wessly Madhevere 35 n.o.; Lungi Ngidi 2/20) vs South Africa 51/0 in three overs (Quinton de Kock 47 n.o.). Rain ended play, points shared.

'Intense game' likely as Spain takes on Germany in last-four

Aashin Prasad
MARGAO

Germany will take on Spain in the semifinal of the FIFA women's U-17 World Cup in what will be a repeat of the European Championship final in the summer. The Spaniards will get an opportunity to avenge the penalty shootout loss at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here on Wednesday.

"I always say football is a permanent revenge," said the Spanish coach Kenio Gonzalo.

Julia Simic, the German assistant coach, expects an intense encounter against Spain. "We are looking forward to an intense game. We played them twice in a friendly and the Euros and they were the most intense games," said Simic.

Defending champion Spain has had a tough run to the semifinal despite its dominance with the ball. All its four goals have come after the 60-minute mark.

Germany, on the other hand, has had a strong run to the last-four stage with 13 goals and seven different scorers.

In the first semifinal of the day, Colombia faces Nigeria with both aiming for a historic final berth. Nigeria, quite incredibly, got past USA in the quarterfinal, while Colombia took apart Tanzania to reach the last four.

In Colombia's four matches, it has mixed its style against different opponents. Carlos Alberto Paniagua's women are likely to go on the offensive against the Flamingoes and one can expect a back-and-forth contest.

Nigeria, too, has had dominant outings so far, thanks to its pace in attack. It has also defended well as a unit even against tougher opponents.

Verstappen's victory gives Red Bull constructors' title

Agence France-Presse
AUSTIN

World champion Max Verstappen clinched an emotional constructors' World championship for Red Bull on Sunday when he claimed a record-equalling 13th win of the season at the United States GP.

Twenty-four hours after learning of the death of Red Bull founder and co-owner Dieter Mateschitz, the 25-year-old Dutchman claimed the 33rd victory of his career after a thrilling late battle with seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes.

In front of a passionate crowd at the Circuit of the Americas, Verstappen came home 5.023 seconds clear of Hamilton with Charles Leclerc finishing third for Ferrari ahead of Red Bull's Sergio Perez.

"Of course, it's a very difficult weekend for us and this one is definitely dedicated to Dietrich himself for what he has done for everyone." said Verstappen.

Best in the world: Verstappen and the Red Bull team celebrate winning the constructors' championship. AFP

The results (top-10):

1. Max Verstappen (Red Bull) 1:42:11.687s; 2. Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) at 5.023s; 3. Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) 7.501s; 4. Sergio Perez (Red Bull) 8.293s; 5. George Russell (Mercedes) 44.815s; 6. Lando Norris (McLaren) 53.785s; 7. Fernando Alonso (Alpine) 55.078s; 8. Sebastian Vettel (Aston Martin) 1:05.354s; 9. Kevin Magnussen (Haas) 1:05.834s; 10. Yuki Tsunoda (AlphaTauri) 1:10.919s.

Not classified: Carlos Sainz (Ferrari), Valtteri Bottas (Alfa Romeo), Lance Stroll (Aston Martin).

Standings (top-10): Drivers: 1. Verstappen 391 pts, 2. Leclerc 267, 3. Perez 265, 4. Russell 218, 5. Sainz Jr. 202, 6. Hamilton 198, 7. Norris 109, 8. Ocon 78, 9. Alonso 71, 10. Bottas 46. **Constructors:** 1. Red Bull 656 pts, 2. Ferrari 469, 3. Mercedes 416, 4. Alpine 149, 5. McLaren 138, 6. Alfa Romeo 52, 7. Aston Martin 49, 8. Haas 36, 9. AlphaTauri 35, 10. Williams 8.

INBRIEF

Pujara to return to Sussex for 2023 County season

Sussex has retained the services of India Test specialist Cheteshwar Pujara for the 2023 season, the County side announced on Monday. Pujara, who joined Sussex last year, made an enormous impact by scoring over 1000 County Championship runs, including a record breaking three double centuries and finished the season with an average of 109.4. His stupendous form continued into the 50-over Royal London Cup, where he led the side in the absence of injured Tom Haines and guided the team to the semifinals.

India thumps Japan at Sultan of Johor Cup

The Indian junior men's hockey team returned to winning ways, beating Japan 5-1 at the Sultan of Johor Cup here on Tuesday. Captain Uttam Singh (3'), Rohit (12'), Johnson Purty (21'), Boby Singh Dhami (31') and Amandeep Lakra (51') found the back of the net for India, while Ikumi Saeki (15') scored the only goal for Japan.

Satwiksairj-Chirag combine advances in French Open

India's top men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty bounced back to beat France's Christo and Toma Junior Popov 19-21, 21-9, 21-13 in the opening round of French Open Super750 tournament in Paris on Tuesday.

Other results (first round): Women's doubles: Jongkolphan Kititharakul & Rawinda Prajongjai (Tha) bt Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand 23-21, 22-20; **mixed doubles:** Kyohei Yamashita & Naru Shinoya bt Ishaan Bhatnagar & Tanisha Crasto 21-13, 21-16.

Shi Yuqi and He Bingjiao triumph in Denmark Open

China's Shi Yuqi beat compatriot Lee Zii Jia 21-18, 16-21, 21-12 to claim the men's singles in the Denmark Open badminton tournament in Odense on Sunday. He Bingjiao got the better of Olympic champion Chen Yufei 22-20, 12-21, 21-10 to take the honours in the women's section.

Spanish heavyweight Barca faces an European KO

The Champions League enters the next-to-last round of games, with two Spanish giants – Barcelona and Atletico Madrid – having had poor group-stage campaigns. Atletico, which hosts Bayer Leverkusen, can go through with two victories to close out Group B. By the time Barcelona – which beat Athletic Bilbao 4-0 over the weekend – kicks off against Bayern Munich on Wednesday at the Camp Nou, it may already be eliminated from the Champions League, if Inter Milan beats Viktoria Plzen earlier on Wednesday.

Wednesday's fixtures: Inter Milan vs Viktoria Plzen, Club Brugge vs Porto 10.15 p.m., Barcelona vs Bayern Munich, Tottenham vs Sporting, Marseille vs Eintracht Frankfurt, Ajax vs Liverpool, Atletico vs Bayer Leverkusen, Napoli vs Rangers (12.30 a.m. Thursday).

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.30 a.m.

Men's T20 World Cup: (Super-12s), Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.

Pro Kabaddi League: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards

Champions League: Sony Ten 1, 2, 3, Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

Karman Thandi is now the No. 1 in the country

The Indian's title win in the $60,000 ITF women's event in Canada spurs her to 217 in the latest World list ahead of second best Ankita Raina at 297

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Unseeded Karman Kaur Thandi is now the country's No. 1 player after she beat Katherine Sebov of Canada 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the final of the $60,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Saguenay, Canada.

Karman is now ranked 217 in the latest list after a career-best of 196 in 2018 when she won her first singles title in the ITF circuit in Hong Kong. Karman jumped 91 places from 308, to be ahead of Ankita Raina, the second best Indian on the list at 297.

The second singles title of the season for Karman was also the second biggest title won by an Indian woman on the professional circuit, after the $75,000 tournament won by Sania Mirza in Dubai in 2010.

The biggest singles title by an Indian woman was of course the $140,000 event that Sania won in Hyderabad in 2005.

The 24-year-old Karman has been guided by coach Aditya Sachdeva for about 10 years and recently at the RoundGlass Academy in Chandigarh.

"We have focused on her holistic development, mental, physical, tactical and technical, to get her going. Working a lot to help her know the strengths and limitations on court," said coach Aditya, who had also been instrumental in helping Yuki Bhambri break into the top-100 of men's tennis.

"Thanks to RoundGlass we have been able to get her to travel with physio Dr. Deeksha Gautam wherever possible, and now have coach Christopher Marquis for the tournaments in Canada," he added.

On a high: Karman Kaur Thandi with her trophy. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The result: Final: Karman Kaur Thandi bt Katherine Sebov (Can) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Harmanpreet to lead

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BHUBANESWAR

Harmanpreet Singh was on Tuesday appointed captain of the Indian men's hockey team for the season-opening FIH Pro League matches here.

India will open its campaign against New Zealand on October 28 and take on Spain on October 30.

The team: Goalkeepers: Krishan Bahadur Pathak and P.R. Sreejesh; **defenders:** Jarmanpreet Singh, Surender Kumar, Harmanpreet Singh (capt.), Amit Rohidas, Jugraj Singh, Mandeep Mor and Nilam Sanjeep Xess.

Midfielders: Sumit, Manpreet Singh (vice-capt.), Hardik Singh, Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh, Shamsher Singh, Nilakanta Sharma, Rajkumar Pal and Mohd. Raheel Mouseen; **forwards:** S. Karthi, Mandeep Singh, Dilpreet Singh, Abhishek and Sukhjeet Singh.

Praggnanandhaa and Tania start favourites

Tania Sachdev. FILE PHOTO

Praggnanandhaa. FILE PHOTO

ASIAN CHESS

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

After a three-year break owing to Covid-related restrictions, the $60,000 Asian chess championship is back.

With the Chinese absent from this edition beginning on Wednesday at the Leela Ambience Convention Hotel, an Indian medal sweep is widely expected.

Should the Open section's third seed Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzbekistan) and the women's second seed Nomin-Erdene Davaademberel (Mongolia) perform to their ratings, they should make the podium.

R. Praggnanandhaa, after making waves in online events by beating World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen thrice this year, is focusing on raising his standard.

In the absence of the country's top five players, this Chennai teenager begins as the rating favourite, ahead of in-form S.L. Narayanan.

Winner in 2007, Tania Sachdev will be looking to regain the title in the absence of her higher-rated compatriots K. Humpy, D. Harika, R. Vaishali and B. Savitha Shri.

With four qualifying spots available in the Open section and two for women in the cash-rich World Cup, the competition in the nine-round event is expected to be fierce.

Top 10 seeds:

Open: 1. R. Praggnanandhaa (2687), 2. S.L. Narayanan (2663), 3. Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzb, 2663), 4. S.P. Sethuraman (2645), 5. Aryan Chopra (2629), 6. Aravindh Chithambaram (2625), 7. Murali Karthikeyan (2623), 8. Rinat Jumabayev (Kaz, 2626), 9. Abhijeet Gupta (2607), 10. B. Adhiban (2603).

Women: 1. Tania Sachdev (2406), 2. Nomin-Erdene Davaademberel (Mgl, 2404), 3. Vantika Agrawal (2396), 4. Padmini Rout (2390), 5. Bhakti Kulkarni (2376), 6. Eesha Karavade (2336), 7. Vo Thi Kim Phung (Vie, 2335), 8. Divya Deshmukh (2330), 9. Soumya Swaminathan (2326), 10. N. Priyanka (2336).

BENGALURU ROUND UP

Rohaan is senior National champion

Peregrine Racing dominated the karting Nationals, winning two titles, with its leading driver Rohaan Madesh crowned the senior National champion 2022 and Nikhilesh Raju the Micro Max National champion after the fifth and final round of the Meco FMSCI Rotax Max National Karting Championship here on Saturday.

Another local karter, Abhay Mohan of Birel Art India, completed the Bengaluru sweep, winning the Junior Max National Championship.

Rohaan, Abhay and Nikhilesh, the three Indian champions for 2022, booked tickets for the World finals and will take part in Rotax Max Challenge Grand Finals in Portimao, Portugal from November 19 to 26.

Toppers: Abhay, Nikhilesh and Rohaan, the title winners at the National Rotax Max Karting Championship. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Addo scores five

Ernest Addo scored five times as Rebels FC thrashed ADE FC 8-1 in the BDFA Super Division League football on Tuesday.

The results: Sporting Club Bengaluru 2 (Appu 20, Kouassi Bernard Yao 50) bt ASC & Center 1 (Wahengbam Niraj Singh 90+3). Rebels 8 (K.H. Tajuddin 4, 35, Ernest Addo 8, 9, 20, 41, 58, Muheeb 28) bt ADE 1 (R. Sandeep 47).

On Monday: Bangalore Dream United 1 (K. Dinil 67) bt Roots 0; Kodagu 3 (Sibi Abraham 66, Sanjay Rai 75, 90+4) bt FC Agniputra 2 (Uttam Rai 58, 89); FCBU 4 (Lalramzauva Khiangte 43, Irfan Yadwad 74, Aenam Graffendberg Jurwa 87, Manvir Singh 90+4) bt Thancos Students Union 1 (Ishan Sharma 79); FC Deccan 4 (Darshan-OG 32, Mohammed Sibili 45+2, Prasanna Kumar 62, R. Pradeep 87) bt BUFC 0

Keerthana, Natasha win

P. Keerthana and Natasha Chethan swept the billiards and snooker titles in the junior and sub-junior girls' categories respectively at the State-ranking tournament.

The results (finals):

Billiards: Junior: P. Keerthana bt Natasha Chethan 130-85; **Sub-junior:** Natasha Chethan bt Harishitha Bhave 137-41.

Snooker: Junior: P. Keerthana bt Sameeksha Devan 2-0 [78-00, 59-03]; **Sub-junior:** Natasha Chethan bt Sameeksha Devan 2-0 [51-32, 43-30].

Anjum Moudgil, Aishwary Tomar place 17th in mixed prone

SHOOTING

Sports Bureau

Anjum Moudgil and Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar shot 873 and placed 17th in 50-metre rifle prone mixed team event of the shooting World Championship in Cairo, Egypt, on Tuesday.

The other Indian pair of Sift Kaur Samra and Swapnil Kusale shot 866 for the 31st spot among 51 teams.

In the 25-metre centre fire pistol event, Omkar Singh scored 578 for the 13th spot.

In 25-metre rapid fire pistol team event, the Indian trio of Anish Bhanwala, Vijayveer Sidhu and Olympic silver medallist Vijay Kumar, shot 566 in the second stage of qualification for the seventh spot. The team had earlier qualified in the fourth place with a score of 870 in the first phase.

India continued to stay in the second spot on the medals table with 12 gold, nine silver and 13 bronze medals. China was on top with 27 gold, 16 silver and 15 bronze. Germany was in the third place with four gold, two silver and six bronze.

KGA felicitates State golf team

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Golf Association here felicitated the State golf team that had performed admirably at the recently concluded 36th National Games held at Ahmedabad.

Teenager Avani Prashant had pocketed gold in the women's individual event, and along with Durga Nittur ensured Karnataka a triumph in the team event as well.

Professional golfer Trishul Chinappa and Aryan Roopa Anand secured a silver for Karnataka in the men's team event.

Karnataka Olympic Association President K. Govindaraj was the chief guest at the event.

Theon takes the Golconda St. Leger in style

RACING

HYDERABAD: Trainer Pesi Shroff's ward Theon, ridden by P.S. Chouhan, won the Golconda St. Leger (Gr. 2), the stellar attraction of Monday's (Oct. 24) races. The winner is owned by Ms. Ameeta Mehra & Mrs. Liame Milan Luthria.

Chouhan who piloted this son of Multidimensional–Fontainebleau pillar to post had an armchair ride to win the Classic by a double distance from his two rivals.

1. SANGAREDDY PLATE (1,400m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **FLYTOTHESTARS** (P.S. Chouhan) 1, Spectacular Cruise (Suraj Narredu) 2, Quality Warrior (B.R. Kumar) 3 and Sorry Darling (Rafique Sk.) 4. 1-1/2, 1 and 2. 1m, 27.68s. ₹22 (w), 15, 14 and 16 (p). SHP: 38, THP: 56, SHW: 20 and 13, FP: 79, Q: 26, Tanala: 177. Favourite: Fly Tothe Stars.

Owners: Mr. S.A. Shehzad Abbas & Mr. Syed Nawaz Hussain. Trainer: S.A. Shehzad Abbas.

2. PAKHAL LAKE CUP (2,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **YESTERDAY** (Surya Prakash) 1, Arrowtown (Akshay Kumar) 2, Sucker Punch (P. Sai Kumar) 3 and New Hustle (B. Nikhil) 4. 4-1/4, 2-3/4 and 2-3/4. 2m, 36.53s. ₹27 (w), 14, 13 and 63 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 141, SHW: 15 and 14, FP: 74, Q: 40, Tanala: 923. Favourite: Arrowtown.

Owners: Mr. Aditya P. Thackersey & Mrs. Lingala Aarti Reddy. Trainer: L.V.R. Deshmukh.

3. GOLCONDA ST. LEGER (GR. II) (2,800M) (TERMS), 4-Y-O AND 5-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD: THEON (MULTIDIMENSIONAL-FONTAINEBLEAU) (P.S. CHOUHAN) 1, Silvarius (Multidimensional- Silverina) (Antony Raj S) 2 and Bold Bidding (Win Legend- Bold Reply) (Akshay Kumar) 3. 20-1/2 and 34 -1/4. 2m, 58.17s. ₹11 (w), SHP: 13, FP: 12. Favourite: Theon.

Owners: Ms. Ameeta Mehra & Mrs. Liane Milan Luthria. Trainer: P. Shroff.

4. SOLARIO PLATE (1,200m), Maiden, 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **BELLAQUE** (Kiran Naidu) 1, Wind Sprite (Afroz Khan) 2, Life's Living (A.A. Vikrant) 3 and Protocol (Md. Ismail) 4. 4-3/4, 1/2 and 2. 1m, 14.73s. ₹51 (w), 14, 13 and 18 (p). SHP: 40, THP: 52, SHW: 20 and 22, FP: 142, Q: 67, Tanala: 369. Favourite: Wind Sprite.

Owners: Mr. Sudarshan Singh Rathore Kanwar & Mr. Rishiraj Singh Rathore. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

NOTE: Track Blazer (Santosh Raj up) jumped out late and did not participate.

5. MIRZA ZUNNUR AHMED MEMORIAL CUP (1,400m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **ASHWA MOROCCO** (B.R. Kumar) 1, Arthur (P.S. Chouhan) 2, Mysterious Angel (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Beauty Blaze (Akshay Kumar) 4. Not run: Angelita. Hd, Hd and 3-1/4. 1m, 25.79s. ₹58 (w), 16, 12 and 18 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 41, SHW: 26 and 13, FP: 140, Q: 60, Tanala: 689. Favourite: Arthur.

Owner: Mr. Ravinder Pal Singh Chauhan. Trainer: G. Shashikanth.

6. FIGHTING FORCE PLATE (1,400m), rated upto 25 (Cat. III): **ALPINE GIRL** (P. Sai Kumar) 1, Sye Ra (B. Nikhil) 2, Reining Queen (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Malahat (D.S. Deora) 4. Not run: First In Line. 1, 1-1/4 and 3/4. 1m, 29.27s. ₹35 (w), 16, 39 and 35 (p). SHP: 76, THP: SHW: 18 and 39 (p), FP: 304, Q: 149, Tanala: 1,900. Favourite: Malahat.

Owners: Mr. K.S.V. Prasad Raju & Mr. G. Lakshmi Prasad. Trainer: K.S.V. Prasad Raju.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹4,496 (72 tkts.) & 30%: 426 (325 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: 820 (216 tkts.).

Treble: (i) 107 (443 tkts.), (ii) 784 (101 tkts.).

Rewarding a champion: HRC Steward V. Krishna Das, right, presenting the winner's trophy to the owners of Theon as stewards P.S. Reddy and N.V.R. Narasimha Reddy look on. G. RAMAKRISHNA

Rune wins his second ATP title

Agence France-Presse
STOCKHOLM

Denmark's Holger Rune saw off top seed Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4, 6-4 in Stockholm on Sunday to claim his second ATP title at the age of 19. "It was an unbelievable match," World No. 27 Rune said.